

## QUESTIONS TO ASK

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Take this list of questions to your next doctor appointment along with a pen to record your doctor's answers. Be sure to supplement this list with additional questions from you, your family and friends.

### Treatment Questions to Ask Your Doctor

- Can I wait to have the procedure to treat my heart failure or do I need it now?
- What procedure are you planning to do?
- If you are receiving an implantable device, ask what type and brand of device.
- What do I need to do to prepare for my procedure?
- What should my caregivers do to prepare for my procedure and recovery?
- How long will the procedure take and how long will I be in the hospital?
- Will I be awake for the procedure? If so, will I feel anything?
- What can I expect to feel like after my procedure? Will it be very painful?
- Will I need any medications before or after my procedure?
- What are some complications to watch out for following my procedure?
- Will the procedure permanently treat my heart failure or will I need another procedure or a replacement device at some point?
- How long will I be away from work?
- What kinds of things do my family members and friends need to watch out for as my caregivers?
- Will I be able to do everything I've always done, whether it's running, playing with my kids or grandkids or traveling?
- What are the risks for my procedure?
- How many of these procedures have you performed?
- How does this procedure affect my other health conditions and medications?

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