

A Guide For Talking to Your Doctor

Impella®
Advancing the way heart failure is treated



Having a conversation with an Interventional Cardiologist about Impella is an important next step.

Impella® heart pumps aren't just for treating active heart attacks – Protected PCI procedure featuring Impella can be life-changing for patients with heart coronary artery disease, low ejection fraction or other heart failure conditions. The procedure can help patients experience improved heart function, reduced CAD-related symptoms and improved quality of life.

Use this Discussion Guide to help have a successful conversation with your Interventional Cardiologist.

Part 1: Symptom Checklist

I am experiencing the following symptoms: *(check all that apply)*

☐ **Angina**

Chest pain or discomfort after or during physical exertion, but may go away with rest.

☐ **Fatigue**

Exhaustion from doing typical daily activities (i.e. going to mailbox, grocery shopping, etc.)

☐ **Shortness of breath**

Difficulty breathing when laying down.

☐ **Reduced Ejection Fraction**

A decrease in the amount of blood your heart pumps with each beat. Normal is 55-70%.

☐ **Swelling**

Swelling in the legs, ankles, feet, stomach, and veins in the neck.

☐ **Cough**

A persistent unexplained cough could be a sign that fluid is building up in your lungs as a result of heart failure.

- List out any additional symptoms you may be experiencing.

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*Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI)

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Part 2: Important Questions to Ask You Doctor

Below are questions and topics to ask when you visit with your doctor.

- I am experiencing symptoms from my severe Coronary Artery Disease (CAD). What can I do to improve my symptoms?
- Would you recommend the use of Impella for hemodynamic support during an angioplasty/stenting procedure?
 - If not, why?
- Am I considered a high-risk patient for heart surgery?
 - Why am I considered high-risk?
 - If I am considered high-risk, is an Impella supported procedure an appropriate option for me?
- I've been in and out of the hospital for years and I'm not any better. Can I elect to have this procedure?
 - Is there an Interventional Cardiologist you can recommend who offers a Protected PCI with Impella?
- What will recovery be like after a Protected PCI procedure?
 - How soon can I go home from the hospital?

Additional Questions and Topics to Discuss With Your Doctor

- What medications are you currently taking and for what reason?

- What activities do you find increasingly difficult?

- What daily routine changes have you experienced due to your heart condition?

All cardiovascular procedures have risk. Potential adverse events associated with the use of Impella include: acute renal dysfunction, aortic valve injury, bleeding, cardiogenic shock, stroke, hemolysis, limb ischemia, myocardial infarction, renal failure, thrombocytopenia, vascular injury and death.

To learn more about the Impella platform of heart pumps, including important risk and safety information associated with the use of the devices, please visit: www.abiomed.com/important-safety-information



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