

Questions to Ask Your Doctor

Choose the scenario that applies to you:

My Heartbeat feels irregular. Do I have a problem?

1. Is it normal for my heart to skip a beat? It feels like it's racing
2. How do I know when this becomes a real problem? What are the risks?
3. What causes irregular heartbeat, atrial fibrillation?
4. Can I do anything to make it better?
5. Do I need to do any tests? What will the results tell me?

I was diagnosed with atrial fibrillation. I am coming for a follow-up visit.

1. Am I at risk of heart complications because of my atrial fibrillation?
2. What medications do you recommend and why? How long should I take them?
3. Are there any alternatives to medications? Would you recommend any? Why?
4. What can you tell me about ablation treatment for Atrial Fibrillation?
5. Is my atrial fibrillation serious enough to require a surgery?
6. How often do I need to see a doctor?
7. Can I do anything on my own?

I have atrial fibrillation and I feel worse. My medications make me feel sick.

1. Are my symptoms a sign that my atrial fibrillation is getting worse?
2. Could what I feel be a side effect of the medications I take?
3. Should I switch to a different medication?
4. If I keep taking medications will my atrial fibrillation eventually get better?
5. Am I a good candidate for an ablation treatment?