

Implanted Cardiac Defibrillators

Questions to Ask Your Heart Rhythm Specialist. What you should ask if there is a device recall:

Is my device affected by the recall?

You should call your heart rhythm specialist if you have any questions about whether your device is affected by any notices that they may have received.

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Does my device need to be replaced?

In rare cases the device may need to be replaced. Many centers may increase the follow up frequency or the number of times that you need to be seen in the office.

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How often should my device be checked - and what kinds of checks should be done?

The follow up routine will be specified for you and can be affected by either the battery function or your overall health.

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Are there checks that I should be doing at home?

Some devices have this capability but not all. If there is a question about remote follow up ask your heart rhythm specialist. Let your doctor know if you have other concerns.

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Should I be seen in the office?

Your heart rhythm specialist may want to see you in the office to discuss the issues with you. You should contact your device clinic if you receive a shock, if you hear a beeping from your device or if you feel dizzy, or lightheaded.

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