### Part 1: Symptom Checklist

#### Severe coronary artery disease symptoms
The symptoms of coronary artery disease can range from mild to severe:

- **Angina**
  Chest pain or discomfort; it can feel like squeezing or pressure, but usually goes away after a few minutes.

- **Shortness of breath**
  This could mean feeling short of breath when being active or at rest; feeling short of breath for a period of time may mean you are experiencing heart failure.

- **Heart failure**
  Heart failure happens when the heart fails to pump enough oxygen-rich blood throughout the body. Heart failure can cause fluid to build up in the lungs, which can cause shortness of breath.

#### Advanced Heart failure symptoms

- **Low Ejection Fraction**
  The amount of blood your heart is able to pump is less than 35%. Normal is 55-70%.

- **Shortness of breath**
  You may have trouble catching your breath when doing regular activities.

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

- **Cough**
  A cough could be a sign that fluid is building up in your lungs as a result of heart failure. The cough may worsen at night, or when lying down.

- **Fluid in and around lungs**
  This fluid build-up contributes to the shortness of breath you may experience.

### Part 2: Doctor Discussion Guide

Consider using this to review your treatment options for severe coronary artery disease and/or advanced heart failure with your cardiologist.

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