

# A Patient's Guide to Talking With Your Cardiologist About Protected PCI With Impella®



## Part 1: Symptom Checklist

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

### Angina

Chest pain or discomfort after or during physical exertion, but usually goes away with rest

### Reduced Ejection Fraction

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

### Fatigue

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

### Swelling

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

### Shortness of breath

Difficulty breathing

### Cough

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

### Heart Attack

A heart attack occurs when the plaque in an artery ruptures, and the blood clot formed around the rupture partially or fully blocks part of the artery; a typical symptom of a heart attack is chest pain that does not go away.

## Part 2: Doctor Discussion Guide

1. I am experiencing symptoms from my severe CAD. What can I do to improve my symptoms?
2. Am I considered a high-risk patient for surgery?
3. Am I considered high-risk for PCI?
4. If I am considered high-risk, is Protected PCI an appropriate option for me?
5. Do you recommend the use of Impella for hemodynamic support during my angioplasty/stenting procedure?
6. Can you recommend an Interventional Cardiologist who offers Protected PCI with Impella?
7. What will recovery be like with Protected PCI?

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](http://www.abiomed.com/important-safety-information)



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