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# Questions for Your Doctor about Left Atrial Appendage Occlusion (LAAO)

Your questions can serve as a great starting point for a conversation with your medical team about whether a left atrial appendage occlusion (LAAO) is the right treatment for you. We invite you and your family to use the following questions as a tool to help you talk to your doctor about LAAC. You may print out these questions and take them with you to your next appointment. It's always a good idea to take notes to help you remember your discussion when you get home.

## QUESTIONS ABOUT LAAO

- ☐ Why do I need this procedure?
- ☐ What are the benefits of LAAO for me?
- ☐ Are there alternatives to this procedure?
- ☐ What are the risks of this procedure?
- ☐ How does my medical history affect my options?
- ☐ What are the risks if I don't have this procedure?
- ☐ How should I prepare for the procedure?
- ☐ Can I stop taking blood thinners after the procedure?
- ☐ What is the recovery process like for someone my age and in my condition?
- ☐ What follow-up care will I need? How often will I need to come in for follow-up tests or imaging?
- ☐ Will I need to continue with treatments for AFib after this procedure?
- ☐ Am I a good candidate for this procedure?
- ☐ What happens if complications occur?
- ☐ How effective is this procedure in preventing strokes?
- ☐ How often do you perform this procedure?

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