

When to Call the Doctor: Atrial Fibrillation

When you have atrial fibrillation know when to call your doctor to avoid discomfort or any more serious problems.

One: Call your doctor if you have any questions about your atrial fibrillation and your treatment. Their information can help you stay on a healthy path.

Two: Call your doctor if you experience any general symptoms of atrial fibrillation: fluttering or quivering heartbeat; weakness or tiredness; fainting or confusion; shortness of breath; fatigue during exercise; and sweating.

Three: Call your doctor if you notice your pulse rate is high or irregular. Checking your pulse on a regular basis can help you to identify times when your atrial fibrillation might be acting up without any outward symptoms.

Call 911 immediately if your heartbeat is very fast; you have problems understanding speech or speaking; you have a severe headache.

Your atrial fibrillation could need additional help to get under control,

Or these could be signs of additional heart problems or a stroke.

When you have atrial fibrillation call the doctor: to answer any questions you have about your treatment plan; if you notice your pulse rate is irregular; if you have any symptoms of atrial fibrillation.

And call 911 for any serious signs of a medical emergency.