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A DECISION AID FOR IMPLANTABLE CARDIOVERTER-DEFIBRILLATORS (ICD)
 FOR PATIENTS WITH HEART FAILURE CONSIDERING AN ICD WHO ARE AT RISK FOR SUDDEN CARDIAC DEATH (PRIMARY PREVENTION)

What is an ICD?
 An ICD is a small device that is placed under the skin of the chest. Wires (called leads) connect the ICD to the heart. An ICD is designed to prevent an at-risk person of dying suddenly from a dangerous heart rhythm. When it senses a dangerous heart rhythm, an ICD gives the heart an electrical shock. It does this in order to get the heart to beat normally. An ICD is different than a pacemaker. A pacemaker helps the heart beat but does not give a shock like an ICD.

My doctor has asked me to consider an ICD. Why?
 Due to your heart failure, you are at higher risk for developing a dangerous heart rhythm. A dangerous heart rhythm can cause you to die within minutes. If not treated.

This is an important decision. While the future is always unpredictable, there is an important trade-off to consider when deciding whether to get an ICD. Consider two possible paths:

PATH 1
 You may choose to get an ICD. You may be feeling like you usually do, and then a dangerous heart rhythm could happen. The ICD may help you live longer by treating a dangerous heart rhythm. You will continue to live with heart failure that may get worse over time.

"I'm not ready to die. There is so much I'm trying to stay alive for. Even if it means getting shocked, I'm willing to do anything that can help me live longer."

PATH 2
 You may choose to NOT get an ICD. You may be feeling like you usually do, and then a dangerous heart rhythm could happen. You may die quickly from the dangerous heart rhythm. This can happen at any time.

"I've had a good life. The idea of doing nothing sounds like a peaceful way to go. I've always said I hope to die in my sleep. Going through surgery and getting shocked is not the kind of thing I want."

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