Many people share that they don’t know what questions to ask your health care team. Here are some common ones that might help you get started:

- What type of heart failure do I have?
- Is my heart failure considered mild, moderate or severe?
- I understand heart failure gets worse (progresses) over time. What should I expect in the short term? What about over the long term?
- How will heart failure affect various parts of my life – being able to work, care for kids/grandchildren, do housework, travel, etc.?
- Are there things I should be measuring at home – my daily weight, how well I’m able to do daily activities, and what about blood pressure or heart rate?
- How will I know if my heart failure is getting worse?
- If I notice weight gain, at what point should I call you?
- Can I safely exercise? Which physical activities are best for me? How much exercise should I be doing?
- How much salt should I consume daily? Do you have any good advice for how to cut down on my salt intake?
- Do I need to limit how much water or other fluids I drink each day?
- Can you tell me why I’m on each medication and how they work together to manage my heart failure and ease the stress on my heart?
- Are there side effects I should be worried about? What about drugs that could interact?
- Am I able to enroll in cardiac rehabilitation?
- How often should I be seeing you about my heart failure?
- At what point will I need a pacemaker or defibrillator?
Notes/other questions I have: