


What are the signs and symptoms telling you?

IT'S TIME TO SEE THE FULL PICTURE

If you or a loved one is diagnosed with heart failure and experiencing unresolved symptoms, use this discussion guide to start a conversation with a doctor about ATTR-CM (transthyretin amyloid cardiomyopathy).



Carpal Tunnel Syndrome

Irregular Heartbeat

HEART FAILURE

Lower Back Pain

Shortness of Breath

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ATTR-CM is a rare, underdiagnosed disease that worsens over time.

Help your doctor consider if ATTR-CM may be the cause of your symptoms. Use this guide to learn more and start the conversation at your next appointment.

Symptoms related to ATTR-CM



FATIGUE

excessive tiredness

Fatigue in this case is due to heart failure (HF).



TENDON RUPTURE

eg, biceps, Achilles tendon

Achilles tendon and bicep ruptures are not caused by trauma but from the muscles weakening due to amyloidosis. This symptom is mostly found in those with wild-type ATTR-CM.



STOMACH ISSUES

eg, diarrhea, constipation, nausea, or feeling full quickly

Stomach issues are often a symptom of ATTR-CM and are mostly associated with hereditary ATTR-CM. These problems can include diarrhea, constipation, nausea, feeling full quickly, or vomiting.



SHOULDER, HIP, AND/OR KNEE PAIN

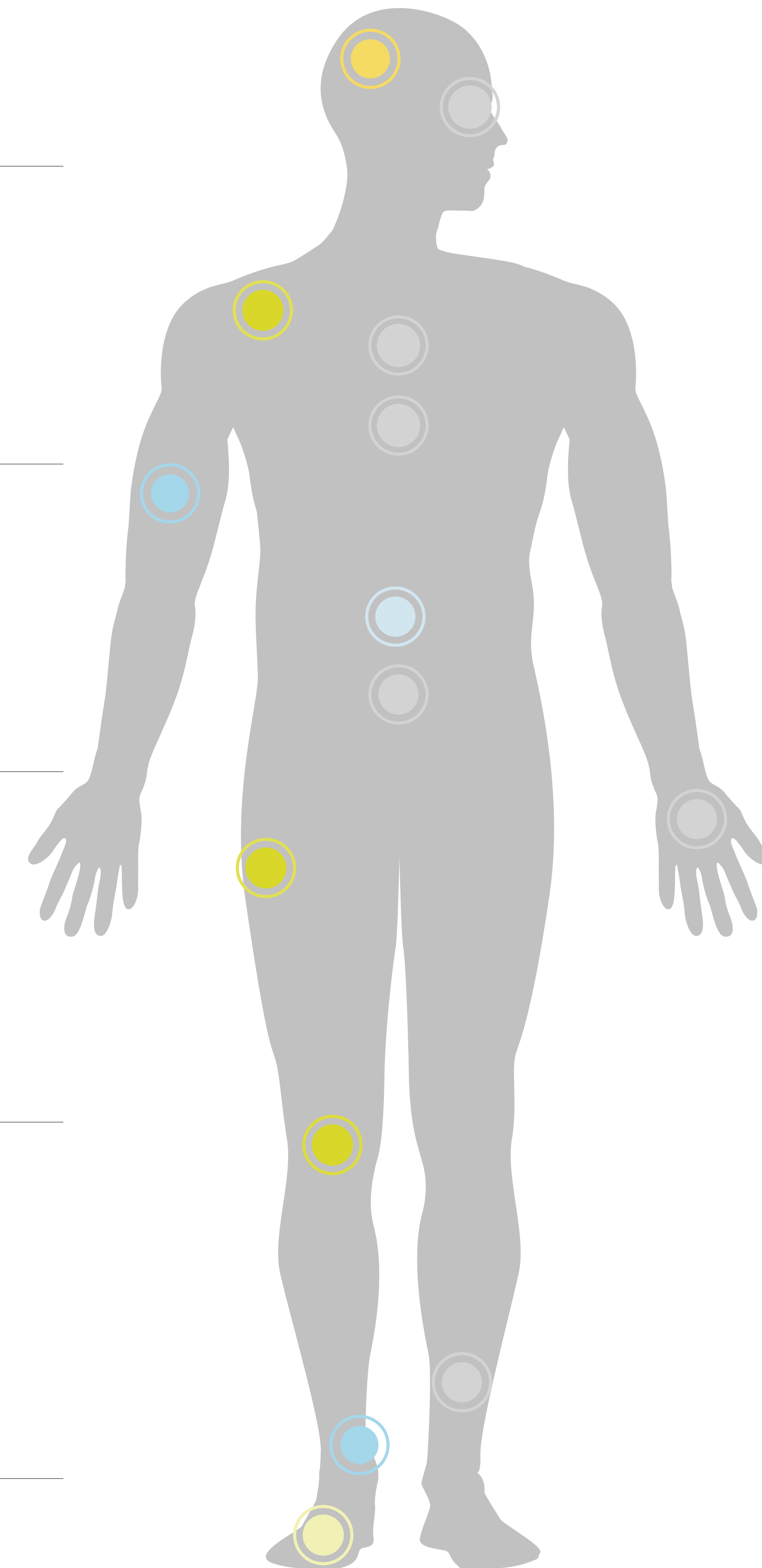
ATTR-CM can cause joints to harden, creating pain in the shoulders, hips, or knees. This may require surgery, such as arthroplasty or hip replacement.



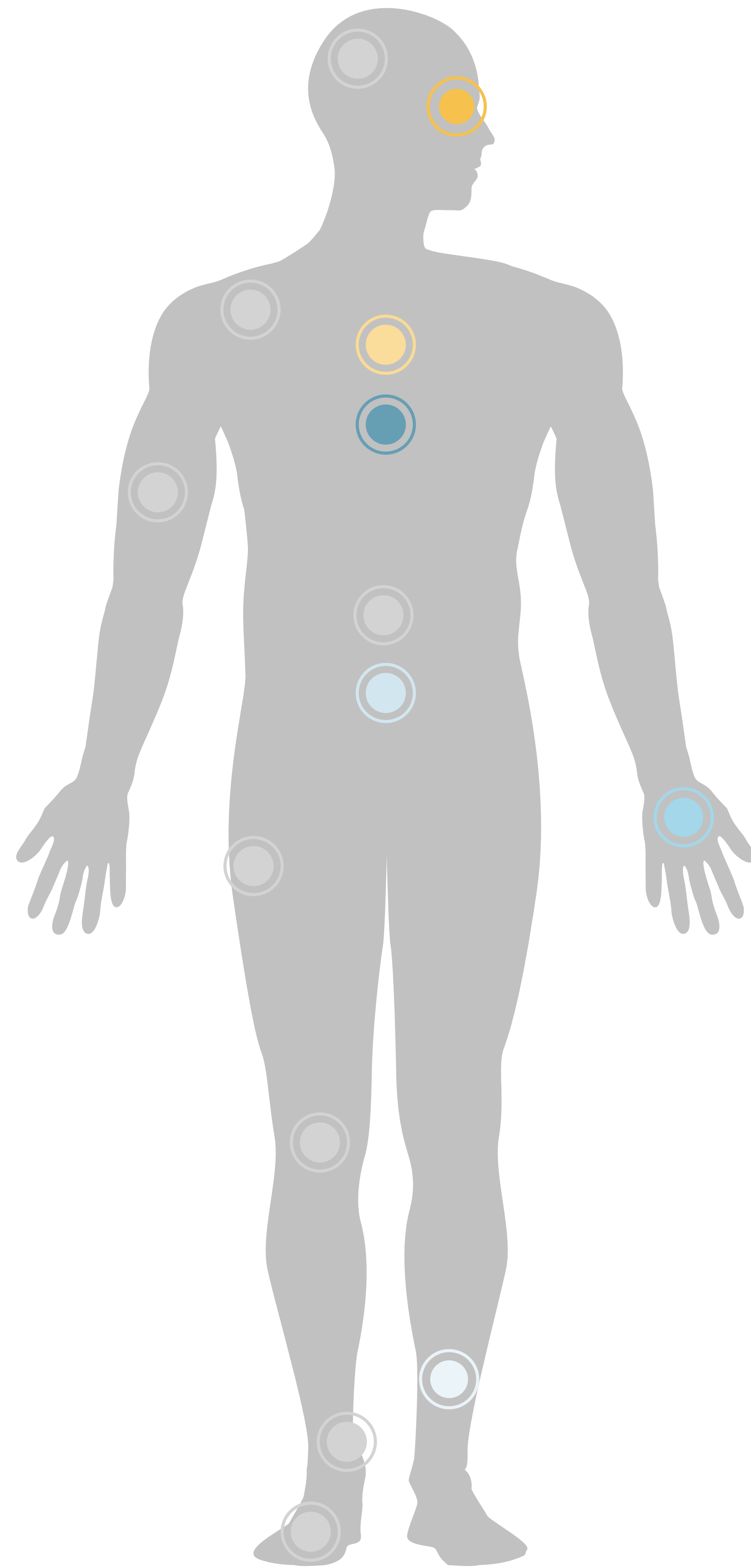
DECREASED SENSATION, STRANGE TINGLING, OR PAIN IN TOES OR FEET

peripheral neuropathy

Patients with ATTR-CM may experience sensory loss, muscle weakness, and pain in their toes or feet, as well as overall balance issues.



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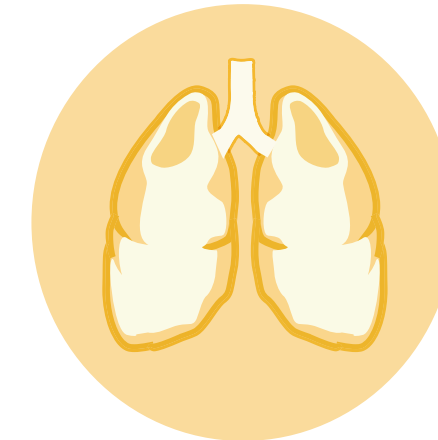
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EYE DISORDERS

eg, glaucoma

Amyloidosis can deposit itself into ocular tissues, possibly affecting the cornea, retina, or pupil. It can also lead to disorders such as glaucoma.



SHORTNESS OF BREATH

Shortness of breath is one of the most common symptoms of ATTR-CM. Patients feel as if they can't catch their breath, and become winded during normal activities.



IRREGULAR HEARTBEAT

cardiac arrhythmia

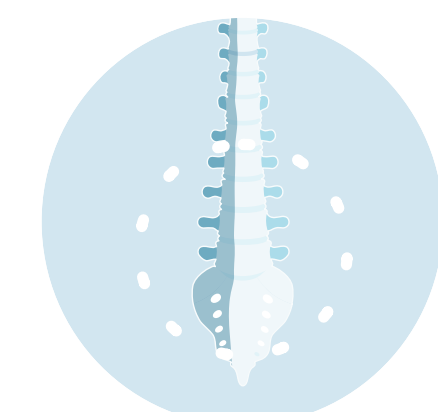
An abnormal heartbeat, also known as cardiac arrhythmia, is a common symptom of ATTR-CM, especially for those with wild-type ATTR-CM.



CARPAL TUNNEL SYNDROME

numbness, tingling, or pain in fingers

Patients may be diagnosed with bilateral carpal tunnel syndrome, which causes numbness, tingling, or pain in your fingers. Although it may seem unrelated to heart failure, this is one of the most common symptoms and earliest indicators of ATTR-CM, especially wild-type ATTR-CM.



LOWER BACK PAIN

lumbar spinal stenosis

Pain or numbness in the lower back or legs may mean that you have lumbar spinal stenosis, which may be a noncardiac sign of wild-type ATTR-CM.



SWELLING IN LOWER LEGS

peripheral edema

Many patients notice swelling in their lower legs and feet, also called peripheral edema. This can cause the legs and feet to look swollen and puffy. Swelling in the lower legs (peripheral edema) is a common symptom of ATTR-CM.

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Clinical tests that look for signs that may suggest ATTR-CM are:



ELECTROCARDIOGRAM (ECG)

- Reads electrical signals from your heart
- Can reveal conditions like irregular heartbeat that could be related to ATTR-CM

If you've had any tests like these, share the results with your cardiologist.

Please be sure to note if you or your loved one has any device implantations, past heart surgeries, or procedures, as they may prohibit certain types of testing.

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ECHOCARDIOGRAM (ECHO)

- Use sound waves to create images of your heart
- Findings associated with ATTR-CM include heart failure with preserved ejection fraction (HFpEF), which relates to the amount of blood that passes through the heart with each beat

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CARDIAC MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING (CARDIAC MRI)

- Uses radio waves, magnets, and a computer to create images of your heart to look for abnormalities

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QUESTIONS YOU MAY CONSIDER ASKING YOUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER

ATTR-CM can impact each patient differently, and your family, work, and social needs may differ. Please be open about your questions or concerns.

Based on my symptoms, medical history, and family history, do you think ATTR-CM could be the cause of my heart failure?

Do you have experience diagnosing ATTR-CM, or can you recommend a local specialist?

Do I need additional tests to confirm my diagnosis? If so, who at your office should I speak with?

How quickly could this condition progress?

I understand this condition can affect different parts of the body. Should I seek additional specialists to be a part of my care team?

Are there any patient support or advocacy groups you recommend for emotional and mental support, or additional information on ATTR-CM?