# WHAT IS SHORT QT SYNDROME (SQTS)?

Short QT syndrome is a rhythm abnormality in which the Q-T interval is much shorter than normal, which can cause abnormal heart rhythms (arrhythmias). The Q-T interval is a measurement of the time it takes the heart to recharge (repolarize) after contracting.

# HOW IS SHORT QT SYNDROME DIAGNOSED?

Dr. Yoo will use a combination of a physical exam, testing, past medical history, and family history to diagnose the patient. Testing for SQTS may include:

- an electrocardiogram (ECG)
- EP study
- stress test
- genetic testing





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## CAUSES OF SHORT QT SYNDROME:

Short QT Syndrome mainly occurs in people who have a family history of SQTS as it is a genetic disorder.

## SYMPTOMS OF SHORT QT SYNDROME:

Although sometimes symptoms don't present themselves, they include:

- palpitations
- shortness of breath (SOB)
- fatique
- fainting (syncope)
- dizziness
- atrial fibrillation
- heart attack
- ventricular tachycardia (VT)

# TREATMENTS FOR SHORT QT SYNDROME:

Treatments for SQTS may include:

- an implantable cardioverter defibrillator (ICD)
- medication that regulates the rhythm abnormality or regulates arrhythmias

#### **RISK FACTORS:**

Risk factors that lead to Short QT Syndrome include:

past family history of SQTS

# ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

For more information, please refer to these websites:

www.clevelandclinic.org



www.nlm.nih.gov

