

# Understanding HCM and your care: Questions you can ask your healthcare team

These questions may help you and/or your caregivers to learn more about HCM, including your symptoms, your treatment options and additional things you can do to feel the best you can, now and in the future.



#### **UNDERSTANDING SYMPTOMS AND DIAGNOSIS**

- Why do I feel lightheaded? Short of breath? Chest pain?
- Are heart palpitations something I should be concerned about?
- What causes HCM?



#### TREATMENT AND MONITORING

- · How does my treatment work to manage HCM?
- How often should my symptoms be monitored while I'm on treatment?
- What are possible side effects of my treatment, and how can they be managed?
- Is there a chance I could develop obstructive HCM (oHCM)? How can we tell? What would that mean for my care?
- Are there signs or symptoms I should watch for that would require immediate medical attention?



## **FAMILY AND LIFESTYLE CONSIDERATIONS**

- What should my family and friends know about my symptoms, and how can they support me if needed?
- Should my family members be tested for HCM?
- How can I safely include more exercise or physical activity in my daily routine?
- What should I do if I feel lightheaded, short of breath or chest pain while exercising?



### LIFESTYLE AND SELF-MANAGEMENT

- Are there any lifestyle changes or dietary adjustments that could help manage my condition?
- Are there signs or symptoms I should watch for that might need urgent medical attention?
- Are there resources or support groups for people living with HCM and their caregivers?

Scan the QR code to visit the Canadian **Could It be HCM?** website for more information and helpful resources on HCM



