



QUESTIONS TO ASK ABOUT SPINAL CORD STIMULATION



Ask about the provider

- Are you certified by the American Board of Interventional Pain Physicians or a Fellow of Interventional Pain Physicians?
- How long have you practiced interventional pain management?
- How frequently do you treat my type of pain with an SCS device?
- How successful has SCS been for treating my type of pain?
- What happens for patients who

Spinal cord stimulation (SCS) can be an effective treatment for severe pain and other conditions, but it's important to ask key questions and consider various factors before choosing it.



Ask about the device

- Which device do you recommend, and what type of stimulation does it provide?
- How long will the trial period last, and what symptoms should I monitor during the trial?
- Where will the leads be positioned, and are there any precautions I should take to keep them in place?
- What type of battery does the device use, and how long is its expected lifespan?
- Will I still be able to have MRIs with this device?
- Can I pass through airport security with this device?
- What happens if I develop a tolerance to the device?

Ask about the procedure

- What is the procedure like, and what should I expect?
- Will you perform the procedure, or will someone else?
- What are the potential risks associated with the procedure?
- How long is the recovery time, and what should I expect during it?
- After the procedure, what side effects or complications should I watch for?
- When can I resume normal activities after the procedure?
- What is the process for removing the device if necessary?

