

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge
Treating Infective Endocarditis

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC MEDICAL EDGE.
	ENDOCARDITIS IS A VERY SERIOUS INFECTION THAT AFFECTS THE HEART. IT USUALLY STARTS WHEN BACTERIA INVADE THE BLOOD STREAM, EVENTUALLY SETTLING ONTO ONE OF THE HEART VALVES. ON THE VALVE SURFACE IT FORMS CLUMPS REFERRED TO AS VEGETATIONS.
	ENMESHED IN THIS VEGETATION, MAYO CLINIC DR. H. R. VIKRAM SAYS THE BACTERIA CAN MULTIPLY AND NOT RESPOND TO SHORT COURSES, OR STANDARD DOSES OF ANTIBIOTICS.

<p>Dr. Vikram Track 4 (1:45)</p>	<p>“AS A RESULT, WE USE INTRAVENOUS ANTIBIOTICS AT MAXIMUM DOSES FOR ANYWHERE BETWEEN FOUR AND SIX WEEKS.”</p>
	<p>BUT SOMETIMES THE DAMAGE HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE. IN THAT CASE PATIENTS MAY NEED...</p>
<p>Dr. Vikram Track 4 (2:21)</p>	<p>“TO BE TAKEN TO THE OPERATING ROOM TO HAVE THE DAMAGED HEART VALVE REMOVED, AND A NEW PROSTHESIS PUT IN.”</p>
	<p>WHETHER IT’S MEDICAL THERAPY ALONE OR COMBINED WITH SURGERY, DR. VIKRAM SAYS MOST CASES OF ENDOCARDITIS CAN BE CURED.</p>
	<p>FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG. I’M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.</p>

