

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge
What is Infective Endocarditis

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC MEDICAL EDGE.
	YOU MAY BE FAMILIAR WITH EAR OR SINUS INFECTIONS, BUT DID YOU KNOW IT'S POSSIBLE TO GET A HEART INFECTION?
H. R. Vikram, M.D. Track 1 (1:30)	"ENDOCARDITIS REFERS TO AN INFECTION OF THE INNER LINING OF THE HEART AND THE CARDIAC VALVES."
(Vick-rum)	MAYO CLINIC DR. H. R. VIKRAM SAYS THE INFECTION STARTS WHEN ORGANISIMS – USUALLY BACTERIA - GET INTO THE BLOOD STREAM AND LODGE ON A HEART VALVE.
Dr. Vikram Track 2 (:30)	"ONE OF THE MOST COMMON

	SOURCES WOULD BE ORGANISMS THAT NORMALLY LIVE IN OUR MOUTH.”
	IT ALMOST ALWAYS TAKES A PRE-EXISTING CONDITION – LIKE A DAMAGED HEART VALVE – FOR THE INFECTION TO BE ESTABLISHED ON THE VALVE. SYMPTOMS, LIKE FEVER AND CHILLS CAN BE VERY NON-SPECIFIC. THAT’S WHY SOMEONE WITH A PREDISPOSITION...
Dr. Vikram Track 5 (2:35)	“SHOULD ALWAYS ENTERTAIN THE POSSIBILITY THAT A FEVER THAT’S NOT GETTING ANY BETTER MIGHT BE DUE TO AN INFECTION THAT COULD BE ENDOCARDITIS.”
	FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG. I’M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.

