

## Glossary of Terms

**Defibrillator**: a device for correcting life threatening rhythms (ICD, AICD).

**Pacemaker**: a device for increasing a slow heart rate.

**Interrogation**: to obtain information from a device.

**Ventricle**: the lower pumping chamber of the heart.

**Atrium**: the upper chamber of the heart.

**Ventricular Tachycardia**: fast heart beats from the bottom of the heart.

**Ventricular Fibrillation**: rapid, irregular heartbeat.

**Cardiomyopathy**: a disorder of the heart muscle.

**Heart Failure**: in general, a decreased pumping ability of the heart.

**Myocardial Infarction**: death of heart muscle.

**Leads**: the wires going from a device to the heart.

**Cardiac Resynchronization**: the use of a specialized device for the treatment of patients with heart failure (CRT, CRT-D, CRT-P).

**Syncope**: sudden loss of consciousness.

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