Following are some questions that you may want to ask your doctor about IVC filters:

1. How do I know what type of filter I have?
2. Where can I get more information about the filter that I have?
3. Should I have my filter taken out? If so, when should it be taken out?
4. Should my filter be left in permanently?
5. What are the risks of taking out the filter?
6. What are the risks of not taking out the filter?
7. What type of physician typically takes out filters?
8. What type of procedure will be performed to take out my filter?
9. Will the procedure to take out my filter be done in a hospital or an outpatient facility?
10. How long will the procedure to take out my filter last?
11. What are the risks associated with the procedure to take out my filter?
12. How long will it take to recover from this procedure?
13. What if my filter cannot be taken out?