

Pacemaker

Sometimes the electrical signals that control the pumping mechanism of your heart can become disrupted in some way, and you may need to have a pacemaker fitted. A heart pacemaker is a device, usually the size of a small matchbox, that is placed in the chest.

We can perform pacemaker implantation in our Interventional Suite to help to correct irregular heart rhythms or rate control. We also offer a pacemaker box change procedure for anyone already fitted with a pacemaker. With no waiting lists, you can access prompt care at a time that suits you, whether you are paying for yourself or have medical insurance.

What a pacemaker operation involves

The first step is to have an initial consultation with a Consultant Cardiologist who specialises in device implantation.

The procedure itself is carried out under local anaesthetic with sedation by your Cardiologist. The wires of the pacemaker are fed through blood vessels to the heart and your Cardiologist will then implant the pacemaker under the skin, close to the left collarbone.

Prices & payment

There are a number of different devices available depending on your clinical needs. Your Consultant will discuss these in more detail with you. We offer a guide price of:

Pacemaker
£5,200 - £6,130

Implantable cardioverter defibrillator (ICD)
£21,830 - £23,730

Cardiac resynchronisation therapy (CRT) device
£13,170 - £28,967

The guide price is based on the usual clinical needs of patients. For more information, please see our [terms and conditions](#).

Personal medical loans

Payment to suit you with 0% and fixed rate interest options.

Following an appointment with your Consultant, you can apply for a loan to cover the cost of your treatment. With interest free finance at Representative 0% APR (fixed) along with longer term fixed rate loans, there is an option for everyone.

Consultants



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Pacemaker surgery FAQs

How long will I stay in hospital?

Once the procedure is complete, you will be transferred to the recovery area and cared for by the dedicated cardiac nursing team. You should usually be able to go home the same day as your procedure. Prior to your discharge, a Physiologist will carry out a full check of your new pacemaker.

How long does it take to recover after a pacemaker implant and will I be in pain?

Every patient is different, but most patients make a full recovery between four to six weeks after their procedure. During the first three to four weeks, you should avoid any strenuous activity and reduce the amount of stretching on your left side.

You may be given exercises to follow to keep your left arm and shoulder mobile. Your Consultant will be able to discuss this with you in your initial consultation, so you know what to expect.

When will I be able to drive with a pacemaker?

You will not be able to drive for at least a week after you have had your pacemaker fitted and will need to make sure that someone can drive you home after your procedure.

How often will I need my pacemaker checked?

Your cardiac pacemaker will be checked four weeks after being implanted. After that you will require regular monitoring and checks every six months and then every year, which your Consultant will discuss with you during your initial consultation.

What if my check identifies a problem?

Should your Physiologist identify any issues with your pacemaker, your Consultant will be informed and an appointment will be made as soon as possible to discuss it with you.