

Pacemaker Check



Pacemakers are implantable devices that help the heart maintain an appropriate rate and rhythm. After insertion (by a Cardiologist), they require regular checking to ensure parameters are set correctly and that they are providing maximal benefit. The device battery and function will also be checked.

A Pacemaker Technologist, Cardiologist or pacemaker specialist will perform the check at least once per year.

What do I expect of the test?

- This test is performed in the Diagnostic Cardiology Department, Clinic C- Level 1 of the Bendigo Hospital
- A magnet and programmer will be used during the examination. These will be placed on your skin (where the pacemaker is located). The test/programming is conducted on a portable monitor/computer
- The Pacemaker check is conducted by a pacing specialist and usually takes 15 minutes.

Appointments:

Appointments are usually made well in advance and require an indefinite referral from your doctor.

Important information:

- Wear a two piece outfit (or gown), as you may be required to remove your clothing from the waist up.

When does my Doctor get my result?

A report with the results of your test will be written and sent to your referring doctor 3-4 working days from your test date.

References: - MonashHeart.org.au - Heartfoundation.org.au - bendigohealth.org.au

If you have any further questions or concerns about your Pacemaker Checks, please discuss with your Cardiologist or phone the **Diagnostic Cardiology Department on 5454 8017**

Patient notes:

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