

What questions can you ask your doctor about a planned pacemaker implantation?

This list of questions can help you remember topics to discuss with your doctor. Not all questions may apply or additional questions may be helpful.

- Why is a pacemaker appropriate for me?
- Are there alternative treatment options?
- What are the risks and possible complications?
- Where is the best place for me to have the operation? How experienced is the clinic?
- How is the operation performed? (anesthesia, time, preparation)
- What can I expect in terms of aftercare?
- How long will I probably be unable to work?
- How should I behave later with a pacemaker?
- How many further interventions should I expect in the course of my life?
- What is the implant made of and how is it held in place?
- How will my quality of life be affected?
- Will other people notice that I have a pacemaker?
- Are there any specific contraindications for me?
- What proportion of the implants placed are still functioning after 10 years?
- Can you show me photos to help me understand the procedure?
- What would happen if the implant causes problems?
- What if the battery runs out?
- What would happen if the implant had to be removed without replacement, stopped working or did not work properly?
- What do I have to sign with a written consent ?

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