

Q *Does my pacemaker need to be registered?*

A Yes, if the implant was done in the United States. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Device Tracking Regulation says that certain implantable medical devices must be tracked from the manufacturer to the attending physician and patient. This enables manufacturers to notify your physician of any relevant information concerning your devices.

Q *How is my pacemaker registered?*

A The process begins at the time of surgery when a registration form is completed and sent to the manufacturer. At Medtronic, the registration information becomes part of a computer database that is continually updated to ensure the information is accurate and current.

Q *What information is on the registration form?*

A It includes:

- model and serial numbers of devices
- your name, address, and phone number
- your social security number, if available
- date your device was implanted
- the hospital where the implant was performed
- the implanting doctor's name, address, and phone number
- your attending doctor's name, address, and phone number

Q *Why do you need my social security number?*

A It is a key piece of information and enables us to locate your address if for some reason we lose touch with you.

Q *Is my registration information confidential?*

A Yes. It is used only for tracking your medical devices.

Q *What happens if I move or change doctors?*

A Please notify us as soon as possible. Your cooperation in keeping your information current will help us to better serve you and your doctor. Medtronic has a special patient toll-free telephone line for your convenience. It is 1-800-551-5544 x41832. If you prefer writing, our address is:

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Q *When do I receive my ID card?*

A After the registration information is in our database, a plastic identification (ID) card is mailed to you. The ID card lists your name and address, the model and serial numbers of your pacemaker and leads, the implant date, and your attending physician's name and telephone number. The card has a picture of an implanted pacemaker as well.

Your ID card is especially helpful if you are a pacemaker patient who travels by air.

Although airport screening devices are unlikely to interfere with your pacemaker, they may detect the metal housing and set off the alarm. Therefore, it may be necessary to present your identification card to airline personnel to obtain clearance.

Q *Should I carry my identification card all the time?*

A Yes. Your ID card is designed to be carried with you so that this pertinent information about you, your pacemaker, and your physician is available quickly if there is a situation that requires medical care.

If you do not have your card on you, your physician or nurse can call Medtronic or the Medical Records Department of the hospital where the implant took place for the information. Call Medtronic later for a replacement card.

The six-language card (English, French, German, Spanish, Italian, and Japanese) below may help you when you are traveling overseas. Use it with your ID card to clear airport security.

I have an implanted heart pacemaker that may set off your metal detection device.

Je suis porteur d'un stimulateur cardiaque qui pourrait déclencher votre détecteur de métaux.

Ich trage einen implantierten Herzschrittmacher, der Ihren Metalldetektor auslösen kann.

Ho un cardiostimolatore impiantato che potrebbe attivare il vostro rivelatore di metalli.

Tengo implantado un marcapaso cardíaco que puede activar el detector de metales.

私は、金属探知機に反応することのある体内植込型心臓ペースメーカを装着しています。

Q *How can I learn more about my pacemaker?*

A Your doctor or cardiology nurse is best suited to answer your questions about your medical condition.

Medtronic publishes a patient newsletter periodically. The newsletter contains educational articles of interest to pacemaker wearers. To read or print it online, please visit www.medtronic.com/rhythms/

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