

# FREQUENTLY ASKED PATIENT QUESTIONS ABOUT PENILE IMPLANTS



## WILL MY PENIS LOOK DIFFERENT TO ME OR WILL OTHERS NOTICE A PENILE IMPLANT?

Once in place, your implant will be completely undetectable. It's fully concealed in the body. No one will know unless you tell them – even in the locker room.

## IS THE INFLATION PROCESS PAINFUL?

To inflate an implant, you squeeze the pump in your scrotum, which will send fluid into the cylinders in the penis. This requires good manual dexterity but should not be painful. If you experience pain, contact your doctor.<sup>1</sup>

## WHAT WILL MY PARTNER THINK?

When inflated, the implant makes the penis stiff and rigid, similar to a natural erection. Your erection will last as long as you desire. And you'll still share the same intimate experience. Typically, ejaculation and sensation will feel similar to the way they felt before the implant.<sup>2</sup>

## DO I NEED TO GO TO A SPECIALIST TO GET A PENILE IMPLANT?

Eventually, you will need to see an ED specialist. At first you can speak with your primary care doctor about erectile dysfunction treatments.

Later, you'll discuss the situation with an ED Specialist or clinic with experience in all forms of treatment for ED, including penile implants.<sup>1</sup>

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## WHAT'S THE PENILE IMPLANT SURGERY LIKE?

Penile implant surgery generally takes about an hour. Typically, it is performed on a short hospital stay basis.

While you're under anaesthesia, a small incision is made at the base of the penis or in the scrotum, and the implant is placed through that incision. Most men experience only minor discomfort during the healing process.<sup>1</sup>

## HOW LONG IS THE RECOVERY TIME AFTER ED SURGERY, AND WHEN CAN I HAVE INTERCOURSE?

Most men return home within a day of ED Implant surgery and are back to all their normal activities within a week, typically having intercourse around 6 weeks post-surgery.<sup>1</sup>

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## HOW LONG DOES AN IMPLANT LAST? WILL I EVER NEED TO REPLACE IT?

It's impossible to predict how long a particular implant will function in a particular patient. As with any medical device, penile implants are subject to wear and mechanical failure over time. To prolong the life of your implant, follow the advice of your urologist.

## WILL MY IMPLANT SET OFF AIRPORT SECURITY?

An implant should not affect your ability to travel and to go through airport security.

Of course, implants like those for knees or hips contain metal and will be detected by a wand or a walk-through scanner. Since most inflatable penile implants have minimal metal parts, they should not set off a metal detector.

Some of the non-inflatable penile implants may, however, contain more metal. You'll receive a patient ID card that identifies you as a medical device patient. To help avoid these types of situations, just carry it with you.



## WHAT ARE THE RISKS OF GETTING A PENILE IMPLANT?

Because each type of implant offers unique features, you'll want to discuss the risks and benefits of each device with your doctor. Then choose the option that is right for you.

To view the Important Safety Information, Latex Information and MRI Information visit:

[www.HARDFacts.com.au](http://www.HARDFacts.com.au)

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