
The Pacemaker Clinic has been operating in Victoria since 1983. The Clinic is staffed by three Registered Nurses who provide support services for approximately 5000 patients with implanted pacemakers.

The Clinic is located at the Royal Jubilee Hospital on the first floor.

When you have a permanent pacemaker implanted, a record of insertion is sent to the Pacemaker Clinic. This enables the staff there to contact you and arrange an appointment at the Clinic.

At the time of insertion, a temporary card is given to you. This has information regarding the type of pacemaker you have and should be carried with you. A permanent card is mailed to you by the pacemaker manufacturer in about 3 - 6 months.

Upon discharge from the hospital you should make an appointment to see your cardiologist in one month to six weeks time.

Six weeks following your pacemaker insertion, you will have an appointment at the Pacemaker Clinic. You will receive the appointment in the mail. The Pacemaker Clinic will arrange for further follow up appointments, usually every six months.

When you visit the Pacemaker Clinic the nurses will **check your progress** by:

- recording your pulse and blood pressure
 - listing your medications
 - inquiring about symptoms like: sudden dizzy spells, lightheadedness and fatigue
 - checking the pacemaker insertion site
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They will **check your pacemaker** by:

- taking an electrocardiogram to assess that it is pacing appropriately
- interrogating or "reading" information from the pacemaker with an electronic device held over the pulse generator; this checks function and battery life
- checking that the system lead and cables are intact
- programming the amount of energy the battery puts out to efficiently pace the heart; this helps to conserve battery life
- the pacemaker nurse will record the model and serial number and the type of lead and pacemaker into a computer for future reference

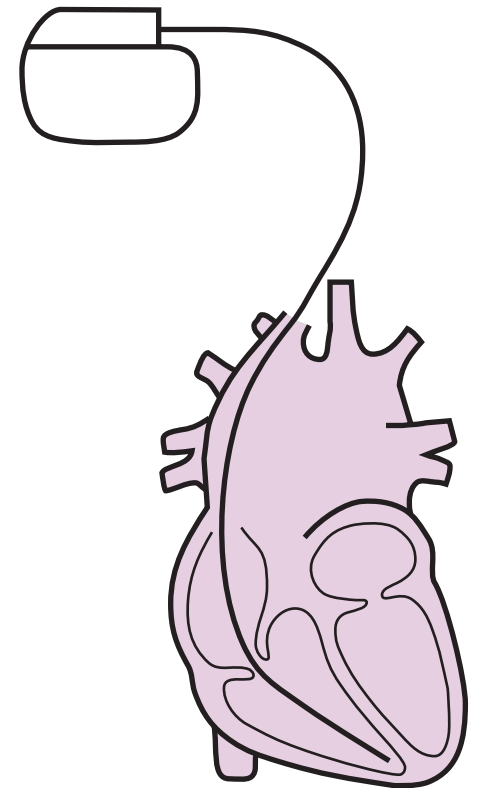
The Pacemaker Clinic nurses act as an excellent resource to provide support and information regarding your permanent pacemaker.

For further information, education pamphlets are available at the Pacemaker Clinic, or you may contact the nurses by telephone about questions regarding your pacemaker.

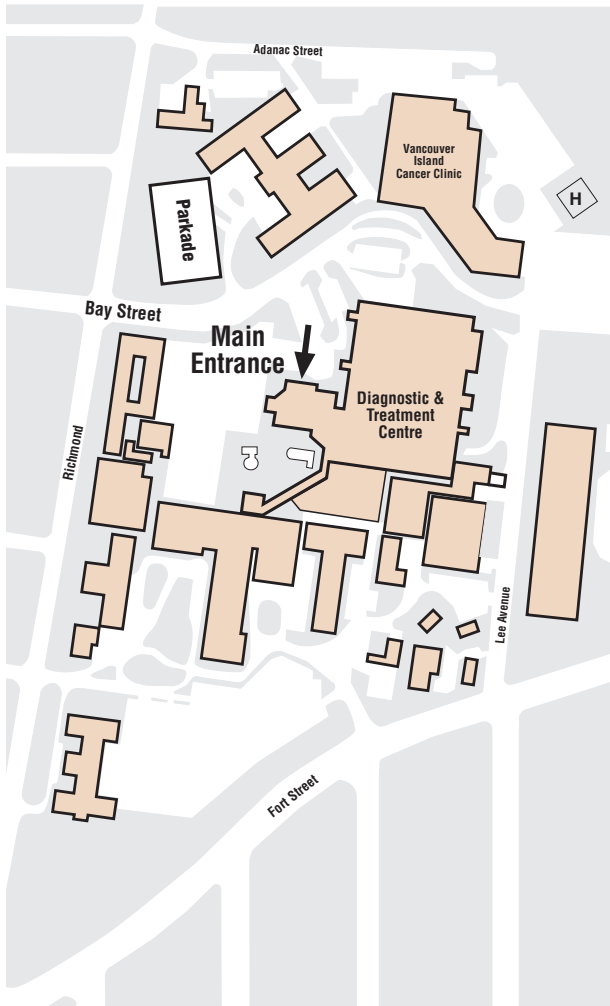
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