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CARDIOVASCULAR MEDICINE

HOME MONITORING

If you have an implanted heart device, ongoing care doesn't end at the implant. It's important to maintain a connection with your doctor or clinic for the life of your device. One of the best ways to do this is through home monitoring.

Home monitoring is a way for your implanted heart device to communicate with your doctor or clinic using a small monitor, potentially reducing the number of times you have to travel to your clinic for an implanted heart device check.

Studies show that home monitoring:

- Helps doctors detect abnormal heart rhythms & issues with heart devices faster
- Reduces hospitalizations and ER visits
- Increases Quality of Life
- Provides patients with a sense of security and peace of mind

Home monitoring is prescribed by your doctor. It provides easy access to information that allows your doctor to:

- Manage your heart condition
- Monitor your implanted heart device
- Obtain information from your implanted heart device on an as-needed basis

Important things to know about home monitoring:

- It is not possible to reprogram or change any functions of your device and your device will still work even if your communicator is not working.
- Your communicator does NOT dial 911 during a health emergency. If you are not feeling well, call your healthcare provider, go to the emergency room or dial 911.
- Home monitoring is not a 24/7 type of oversight service. Your device will send information at prescheduled times or when a potential issue is detected. The information disseminated will then be handled in an appropriate manner during normal business hours.
- There might be a financial responsibility involved with monitoring your device. As with any other service provided, this is a service that requires time, staffing and interpretation and your insurance will be billed for services. Copays, coinsurance and deductibles might apply. Please contact our billing department if you have any questions (734) 403-4500.

To reach our Home Monitoring Department please call 313-284-2333