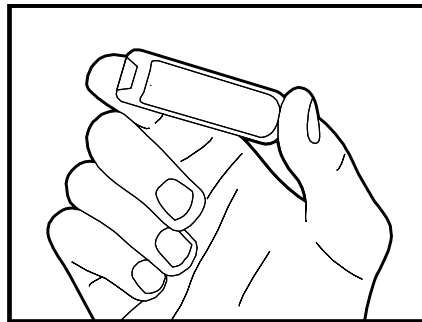


Loop Recorder

Hamilton General Hospital

What is a loop recorder?

The Medtronic Reveal™ loop recorder is a device that records your heart beat for up to 3 years. The loop recorder is implanted under the skin just above your heart.



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Why do I need to have a loop recorder?

Information from the loop recorder will allow the doctor to understand your symptoms such as fainting, dizziness and fast heart beats.


The loop recorder is programmed to record the information on its own (automatic) and by you (manual).

To manually record a symptom on your loop recorder, you must use the External Patient Activator. Please see the back page for more information on the External Patient Activator.

Going home with the loop recorder

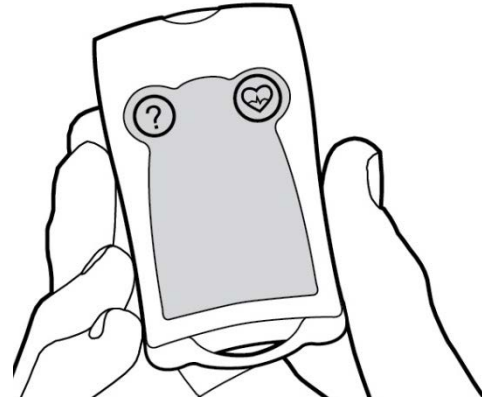
- Keep the bandage on and dry for 3 days or 72 hours.
Remove bandage on _____.
- You may bathe or shower after the bandage is removed.
- There will be small white pieces of tape over the incision.
Leave these on and they will fall off in time. Please remove them if they have not fallen off after 2 weeks.
- Check for any redness, swelling or drainage from your incision.
Call the Pacemaker nurses or doctors right away if you notice any of these signs.

How do I use the External Patient Activator?

- Carry the External Patient Activator with you at all times.
- If or when you have any symptoms that you think need to be recorded, hold the patient activator directly over your loop recorder and press the heart button .

You should hear a beep and then the green light will flash. The green light will go solid and a check mark will appear which indicates the recording was successful.

If the activator was **not successful**, please try again.



External Patient Activator

- You have 6 ½ minutes to press the record button if you feel faint, dizzy or have a fast heartbeat.

Contact information

If you have questions or concerns, please call the Pacemaker Clinic office and leave a message at 905-527-4322, ext. 46687.

**Your appointment is on _____
at _____ in the Pacemaker Clinic, Section E (East),
4th Floor, Hamilton General Hospital.** Please call for an earlier appointment if you have used up all the manual recordings.