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PACEMAKER CLINIC

Today's pacemakers are miraculous devices. Because they are implanted DEVICES, they need to be checked routinely for proper device function, device longevity as well as determining appropriate programmed parameters for each individual. Pacemakers are checked with special computers that talk to the pacemaker, and allow the pacemaker to talk to the computer. This communication is interpreted to determine appropriate function and length of life of the pacemaker.

Electrodes and wires are applied to your chest to give a recording of the electrical activity of your heart. A special wand with a magnet is then applied over your pacemaker that is attached to the computer. This allows the communication process to occur. There is no discomfort to the procedure and usually lasts no more than 30 minutes. The pacer check will be scheduled for routine follow-up visits according to the physician's orders as well as the test results.

In addition to routine pacemaker clinic visits, some patients need an additional service called TRANSTELEPHONIC MONITORING. For whatever reason, their pacemaker needs closer observation. The monitoring is transmitted to the office over the patient's own telephone at a prescheduled time. This does not give as complete evaluation as the actual pacemaker clinic visit and should not be substituted for the clinic visit.