

MonashHeart, Monash Health is committed to providing outstanding cardiac services for cardiac patients of all ages

- ♥ Every 10 minutes, an Australian dies from cardiovascular disease making it the biggest killer of all Australians
- ♥ MonashHeart treats more acute heart attack patients than anywhere else in Victoria
- ♥ Each year MonashHeart treats over 5700 patients with acute heart problems, the most in Victoria
- ♥ MonashHeart operates one of the busiest cardiac CT scanners in the world
- ♥ MonashHeart is the only cardiac service in Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania to treat heart patients of all ages; from pre birth to our senior citizens
- ♥ MonashHeart is an internationally and nationally recognised leader in cardiovascular research



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Some Useful Websites

MonashHeart
www.monashheart.org.au

PPM Manufacturers
www.medtronic.com
www.bostonscientific.com (Guidant)
www.sorin.com (ELA)
www.biotronik.com
www.sjm.com (St Jude Medical)

Patient Information
www.heartfoundation.com.au
www.arrythmiaalliance.com
www.hrsonline.org



Please use this space to write down any questions you may have:



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Having A Pacemaker



A Guide For Patients

Introduction

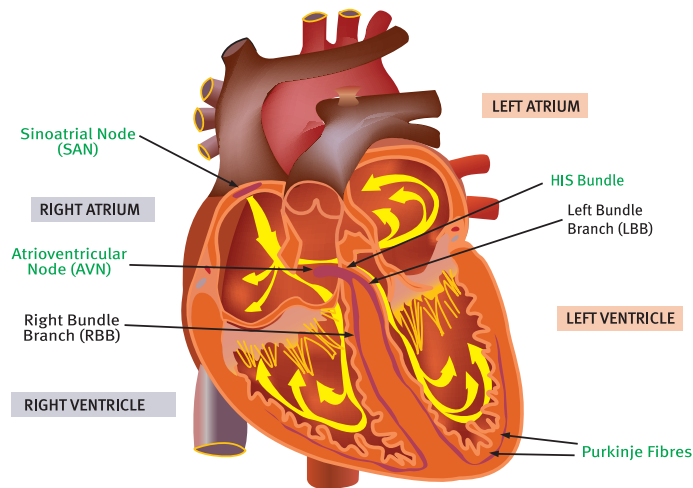


MonashHeart has over 20 years' experience in implanting pacemakers, and over 500 are implanted each year in patients from a few days old to people in their 90s.

This booklet has been written to help you understand what will happen when you have a pacemaker fitted. If there is anything you do not understand please ask a member of the MonashHeart team looking after you.

Normal Heart Conduction

Within the heart, there are specialised pacemaker cells which discharge electricity that stimulates your heart muscle to pump. These pacemaker cells are situated in the sino atrial node (SA node) within the right upper chamber of the heart (right atrium). This is the heart's natural pacemaker, which starts an electrical impulse, which passes throughout both upper chambers of the heart then through connecting fibres called the atrio ventricular node (AV node) to activate the lower chambers of the heart (ventricles) and cause the major pumping action of the heart.



The Heart's Electrical System

Some useful telephone numbers

Pacemaker Appointment Enquiries:

Dr David Adam MonashHeart 9594 2249
Valley Hospital 9790 9338
Wonthaggi 5671 3353

Dr Jeff Alison MonashHeart 9594 2249
Suite F 9594 2788
Melbourne Heart Care
Brighton 9592 2177

Dr Emily Kotschet Suite B 9594 2461
Melbourne Heart Care
Brighton 9592 2177

Dr Jack Krafchek MonashHeart 9594 2249

Technical Enquiries Only:

03 9594 2248 (9.30 am to 5 pm, 24 hr answering machine)

The receptionists are not medically trained and therefore will not be able to answer any questions directly. The receptionist will take a message and a trained member of staff will return your call. The above numbers should only be only used for general enquiries relating to your pacemaker.

Pacing Office

Address: Pacing Office
MonashHeart
Level 2, Monash Medical Centre
246 Clayton Rd, Clayton
Victoria 3168

Telephone: 03 9594 2249
or 1300MHEART (1300 643 278)

Fax: 03 9594 6239

Website: www.monashheart.org.au

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