

Appointment Date: _____

LOCATION: Aultman Main Hospital: 2600 6th St. SW, Canton

DEPARTMENT: Ambulatory Cardiac Unit (inside the Aultman Heart and Vascular Center)

WHAT TIME SHOULD I ARRIVE?

The Heart Lab staff will call you between 2 – 4 p.m. the day prior to your test with your arrival time. The approximate time of your procedure is not known until the day before your test. If you will not be available at that time to receive the call, or if you don't get a call by 4 p.m., please call to confirm your arrival time.

- Heart Cath Lab: 330-363-4230
- Cardiac Same Day: 330-363-5016 (if no answer in Heart Lab)

Please use the Bedford (6th Street) entrance on arrival to the hospital.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Please review the information provided in your procedure information packet prior to coming to the hospital.
- If you were given an order for lab work, please have it drawn several days before your procedure. Take your order with you. You do not need an appointment if you are only coming for blood work, EKG or chest X-ray.
- You must have someone to drive you home and stay with you overnight after your procedure unless you are admitted to the hospital.
- Do not eat or drink anything except for sips of water with your medication(s) after 12 midnight the night before your procedure.
- Please bring all your medications to the hospital the day of your procedure. They will be sent home with you. **You will not be permitted** to take medications brought in from home while you are in the hospital.
- If you are allergic to shellfish, iodine or X-ray dye, please tell the staff.
- Other instructions _____

Medication Instructions: Your doctor's office will give you instructions below:

- Take all your medications the night before and the morning of your procedure with a sip of water.
- Take all your medications **except for** the following the night before and morning of your procedure: _____
- Other medication instructions _____.

SUMMARY OF THE PROCEDURE:

A pacemaker checks the heart's rate (how fast it beats) and rhythm (the pattern in which it beats). It will cause the heart to beat when the heart does not beat or beats too slowly. In the past, all pacemakers had "leads," (wires placed in the heart to cause it to beat) which attached to the pacemaker.

A "leadless" pacemaker has several advantages over a pacemaker that uses leads and a generator:

- **No scar:** There is no scar or pacemaker "bump" on the chest. The pacemaker is inserted through a small incision at the top of your leg (groin) instead of an incision in the chest.
- **Less lead/incision problems:** There is less risk of complications related to pacemaker leads and incision, since there are neither.
- **Less recovery:** The recovery time is reduced for this type of pacemaker.

Your doctor will discuss whether this type of pacemaker is right for you and possible complications.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

You will not be allowed to eat or drink after midnight before your procedure. You may be given a medication to help you relax. The procedure is done in the Heart Lab with sedation.

WHAT TO BRING TO THE HOSPITAL:

- This packet of information.
- A copy of your living will or durable power of attorney for health care (advance directives) if you have one.
- Any toiletry items you would like.
- Bring all your current medications. **You will not be permitted** to take your home medications while in the hospital, but the nurses need the names(s) and dosage(s) of each medication.
- Please **do not bring valuables** to the hospital such as purse, wallet, jewelry, money, credit cards, etc. Bring only your ID and insurance cards.

LENGTH OF THE PROCEDURE:

The procedure usually takes two hours, but you may be in the heart lab for several hours because of preparation and recovery time. Plan to be admitted to the hospital for an overnight stay.

AFTER THE PROCEDURE:

You may eat and drink after the procedure.

QUESTIONS PRIOR TO THE PROCEDURE: Please call the Heart Lab at 330-363-4230 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

SCHEDULING AND REGISTRATION: Pre-registration is required for an accurate medical record and proper billing. You may be contacted by a patient access representative if we need any information. If you have questions or need to schedule or reschedule your procedure, please call 330-363-6288 or 1-800-837-0440 Monday - Friday between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.

HOSPITAL PARKING:

Free visitor parking is available in Lot 3 across from the Bedford building. Enter from 6th Street. Valet parking is available at the 7th Street and Bedford building entrances for a fee – or free if you are a handicapped motorist. Deck parking is available on 7th Street for a fee based on your length of stay.

DIRECTIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT (MAIN HOSPITAL):

Heart and Vascular Center (Lot 3 parking is the closest parking) is located on the first floor of the Bedford building. After entering the Bedford lobby, turn to your right and enter the Heart and Vascular Center.