

INSERTION OF PENILE IMPLANT

What is an “insertion of penile implant”?

- This procedure involves a surgical incision to allow two inflatable cylinders to be inserted into the shaft of the penis
- The cylinders are usually connected to a pump and a reservoir and filled with saline
- The hydraulic pumping action allows an erection to form and it can be released with a deflate button

Why do I need this?

- This procedure is reserved for severe erectile dysfunction where sexual intercourse is not possible and other treatments have failed or are unsuitable

How long does it take?

- 90 - 120 minutes under a general anaesthetic

What are the risks?

- Infection is a major concern and antibiotics are given. In 1 - 2% of cases this occurs and requires removal of the device
- Bruising and swelling may occur and improves over 2 - 3 weeks
- Penile shortening is sometimes noticed and is contributed to by the underlying cause of erectile dysfunction
- Penile pain and awareness of the connecting tubes
- Loss of sensitivity is uncommon
- Thrombosis (blood clots and emboli) are uncommon.

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What can I expect after surgery?

- Hospital stay is 2-4 days
- The devices give a good erection with good rigidity and some girth expansion
- Orgasm should still feel normal
- Patient satisfaction rates are over 80%

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