Inflatable Penile Implant Surgery Home Care

A penile implant is a device placed inside the penis to help create an erection. The implant is made of silicone and other things that the body does not reject. Problems after penile implants are rare.

After Surgery

- It is normal to have swelling and bruising of the penis and scrotum for 4-6 weeks.
- You may have a urinary catheter (drain tube) to drain urine from your bladder for 24 hours after surgery.
- It is normal to experience pain for up to 3 weeks after surgery. Take the pain medicine as directed by your doctor.
- You may be prescribed antibiotics to prevent infection. Take the full course as directed by your doctor.
- The bandage can be removed 2-3 days after surgery.
- To reduce scaring and help position the device you will need to gently massage the scrotal tissue and pull down the pump 3-4 times a day.
- Your doctor will show you how to inflate the implant around 6 weeks after surgery. You will need to inflate and deflate the device at least once a day, even when not being used for sex.

Activity

- **Do not** lift more than 10 pounds for 4 weeks after surgery.
- **Avoid** strenuous activity and contact sports for 4-6 weeks.
- You may resume sex 6-8 weeks after surgery. When you resume sex, you may have mild pain. It may help to use lubrication (i.e. K-Y Jelly®) or change positions.

When to Call

Call the clinic if you:

- Cannot pass urine
- Have blood in your urine
- Have more pain or swelling in your belly, penis, or scrotum
- Have a fever over 100.4 ºF by mouth on 2 readings taken 4 hours apart
- Have severe burning or pain when you pass urine
- Have redness at the incision or blood or pus-like drainage
- Have open skin on the penis where the implant comes through
- Have an implant that does not work as it should

Follow-Up Care

You will be scheduled for a follow-up visit in clinic 2–3 weeks after surgery for an incision check. You will return again around 6 weeks after surgery to learn how to use your device.

Who to Call

If you have questions, please contact your provider through MyChart or call your provider listed in your After Visit Summary or After Hospital Care Plan. For a list of UW Health Clinics, please visit www.uwhealth.org/.

Your medical record number is:

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