Carry your SureScan®
Pacing System Patient Card with you at all times.
Be sure to show it to your doctor if you should need an MRI scan.

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What you, as a patient, should know…

You are implanted with a SureScan® pacing system. It allows you to receive an MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) under certain conditions. Until now, pacemakers patients used to be contraindicated for MRI because the strong magnetic fields created during the MRI scan can have hazardous effects on their implanted pacing systems. Medtronic has designed and tested the SureScan pacing systems. It’s the world’s first pacing systems designed for use with MRI.

How does my SureScan pacing system differ from a regular pacemaker?

Your pacemaker and its leads were specifically designed to meet the requirements of an MRI scan. Components that could become magnetically charged were replaced, circuits were specially shielded, and the leads were modified so that the operation of the pacing systems are not affected during an MRI scan. In addition to this, a specific programming (the SureScan mode) has been designed for the MRI environment. Therefore, your pacemaker should be programmed in SureScan mode before the MRI scan. After the MRI scan, this mode should be turned OFF again.

How will my doctor know that I can have an MRI scan even though I am implanted with a pacemaker?

In addition to your pacing system documents, you should keep your SureScan pacing system patient card with you at all times. This card states that an MRI scan can be performed as long as certain conditions are met. Because this technology is still recent, you might also receive a booklet containing leaflets to distribute to your physicians (general practitioner, orthopaedic surgeon, neurologist, oncologist…) so that they will know, that unlike some other pacemaker patients, you can have access to an MRI.

What should I be aware of if an MRI scan is going to be performed?

When scheduling your MRI scan appointment, you should mention that you are implanted with a SureScan pacing system. Your radiologist is a specialist in their field. They will know the measures that need to be taken. You should also make sure that you bring your SureScan pacing system patient card.

Does the follow-up examination of my device differ from that of traditional pacemakers?

No. During follow-up your doctor will verify your pacemaker’s functionality, just like for other devices.

Your doctor is also available to answer your questions and to provide you with any help you might need with your pacemaker.

What does the icon mean?

It is the MRI conditional icon. You may see it on your SureScan pacing system patient card. It’s an official icon meaning that a device is safe for use in MRI under certain conditions.

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