

What is a Pacemaker?

A pacemaker helps control an irregular heartbeat. You may need this small device if your heart beats too slow, too fast, or in an unsteady way.

There are different types of pacemakers. One type is placed under your skin, usually near your collarbone. It is connected to your heart with wires called leads.

Other types of pacemakers are wireless. These are placed within your heart.

When a pacemaker detects a problem with your heartbeat, it sends an electric pulse to your heart to treat the rhythm problem.

A pacemaker keeps a log of these events. Your healthcare provider can access this data remotely. They can use it to make sure the pacemaker is working best for you.