

## **PACEMAKER IMPLANTATION**

**- Procedure codes: VVIR – K6000/DDDR – K6010**

### **Before your pacemaker implant:**

Please have a light early breakfast with all your usual medication and then drink water only until your procedure is over.

### **If you are taking Warfarin:**

- Please stop this 5 days before your pacemaker implant UNLESS you have a metallic heart valve replacement.
- If you have a metallic valve replacement, then please discuss how to manage your warfarin with your cardiologist.

### **If you are taking Dabigatran, Apixaban, Rivaroxaban or Edoxaban:**

- Please discuss when to stop the drug with your cardiologist.

### **When you arrive:**

- Please let the nursing team know of any allergies you may have.
- A cannula will be inserted into a vein in your arm and you will be given iv antibiotics prior to your procedure
- You will be asked to sign a consent form

### **The procedure:**

- This is performed under local anaesthetic with some iv sedation and usually takes 30-60 minutes.
- For details please see <https://www.bhf.org.uk/heart-health/treatments/pacemakers>

### **After the procedure:**

- You will return to the ward for a drink and some food.
- You will have a CXR, a pacing check and be given some instructions for the next few days and weeks.
- We will plan to get you home the same day but you will need someone to stay with you for 24 hours

**THE DVLA REGULATIONS STATE THAT YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED TO DRIVE FOR 7 DAYS AFTER THE PROCEDURE.**