



Penile implant discussion guide

If you're considering a penile implant to treat erectile dysfunction (ED), it's important to understand the potential benefits and risks. This guide can help you start an open and candid conversation with your physician.

Self-reflection

When you meet with your physician, they'll ask you questions about your journey so far. To be prepared for the conversation, take a moment to reflect on the following:

How long have I experienced ED symptoms? <i>(ex.: trouble getting and keeping an erection, reduced sex drive)</i>	What treatments have I tried and was I happy with them?
What made me decide to seek treatment for ED? <i>(ex.: masturbation, sex with partner, ability to date, affordable, discreet option, spontaneity, etc.)</i>	What are my hesitations when considering an implant? <i>(ex.: I feel my symptoms aren't that bad, I'm scared of surgery, I'm not sure if I can afford it)</i>

Learn more about penile implants at EDCure.org/treatment-options/penile-implant

Then check off some potential questions you'd like to ask your physician.*

Choosing your doctor:

- Are you a prosthetic urologist who performs penile implant surgeries, or can you refer me to one who does?
- Can you tell me more about your experience and training with penile implants?
- Have your patients with penile implants been satisfied with the results?

Learning about penile implants:

- What penile implants are available?
- How do I know which penile implant may be right for me?
- Will your office offer to help me understand my insurance coverage? (ex.: benefits verification, out-of-pocket costs, and payment plans)
- Can I still father a child if I have an implant?
- Do penile implants contain metal, and would I need an ID card or documentation? Can I have an MRI?
- How long does a penile implant last?

Understanding the procedure:

- What should I expect the day of surgery?
- Would I need to stay in the hospital?
- What is the risk of infection? Are there ways to reduce risk of infection?
- What incisions would be made?
- What is recovery like? When can I resume regular activities such as exercising, driving, and returning to work? When can I resume sex?

After getting an implant:

- What will my penis look like after surgery?
- Will there be a change in the length or girth of my penis?
- Can I still have a natural erection if I have the implant? Or if I have the implant removed?
- Would I still use other treatments like pills and injections?

Finding support:

- How should I bring this up to my partner? What do they need to know to support me?
- If I have questions about my penile implant, who do I call?

Notes

*Not intended to be a comprehensive list.

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