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HOW TO talk to your patients about penile implants

How should you respond when a patient asks you about penile implants?

Men who are ready to talk about penile implants may have failed many other therapies — they may not believe an implant will work for them. Be sensitive to their objections. The more comfortable you are with the topic, the more relaxed they are likely to feel.

Share the following facts about an AMS 700™ Penile Implant:¹

92% of patients stated that their sexual activity following implantation was “excellent or satisfactory”

95% of implant patients reported “no change or better orgasm” after having the surgery

96% of partners shared that intimacy with an implant was “excellent or satisfactory”

98% of patients reported “satisfactory or excellent erections” after having the procedure

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Let them know that implants look and feel natural. If any of your patients want to hide their implants from their partners, they can do so. They can also participate in sports and change in health club locker rooms without worry.

Everyone who is curious about penile implants should discuss the procedure with an ED specialist (prosthetic urologist) who routinely performs this procedure.

To find a specialist, visit [EDCure.org](https://www.edcure.org) or [Surgeo.com](https://www.surgeo.com)

Types of penile implants

3-piece inflatable

These fluid-filled cylinders expand when the user manipulates a pump that is placed in the scrotum

2-piece inflatable

A great option for men with abdominal scarring who may not have enough physical space for the 3-piece option

Malleable

Bendable cylinders are easy-to-position and conceal, even if a man has limited dexterity

About the procedure

- Implant surgery is an outpatient procedure that usually takes about an hour. While under anesthesia, the surgeon makes a small incision at the base of the penis or in the scrotum and inserts the implant. Most men have minimal discomfort during the healing process, can return to their normal activities after a week, and are able to resume intercourse after 6 weeks.
- In a study of over 55,000 AMS 700™ Penile Implants, 94.1% were free from mechanical failure at 7 years.² Many insurance carriers cover this procedure. Patients should discuss the cost with their prosthetic urologist and their insurance carrier.

For additional information, visit [EDCure.org](https://www.edcure.org), a website sponsored by Boston Scientific.

AMS 700™ Inflatable Penile Prosthesis

Caution: U.S. Federal law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a physician.

Prior to use, please review the Instructions for Use for a complete listing of indications, contraindications, warnings, precautions and potential adverse events.

Indications for Use: The AMS 700™ Series Inflatable Penile Prosthesis product line is intended for use in the treatment of chronic, organic, male erectile dysfunction (impotence).

Contraindications: The AMS 700 Series Inflatable Penile Prostheses are contraindicated in the patients that have active urogenital infections or active skin infections in the region of surgery or (for the AMS 700 prosthesis with InhibiZone™ Antibiotic Surface Treatment) have a known sensitivity or allergy to rifampin, minocycline or other tetracyclines, or patients with lupus erythematosus because minocycline has been reported to aggravate this condition.

Warnings: Implantation of the device will make latent natural or spontaneous erections, as well as other interventional treatment options, impossible. Men with diabetes, spinal cord injuries or open sores may have an increased risk of infection associated with the implantation of a prosthesis. Failure to evaluate and promptly treat erosion may result in a substantial worsening of the condition leading to infection and loss of tissue. Implantation may result in penile curvature, or scarring. Pre-existing abdominal or penile scarring or contracture may make surgical implantation more complicated or impractical. If a hypersensitivity reaction develops to a device coated with InhibiZone, the penile prosthesis should be removed and the patient treated appropriately.

Precautions: Migration of the device components can occur if the cylinders are improperly sized, if the pump or the reservoir is not positioned properly, or if the tubing lengths are incorrect.

Potential Adverse Events: May include device malfunction/failure leading to additional surgery, device migration potentially leading to exposure through the tissue, device/tissue erosion, infection, unintended-inflation of the device and pain/soreness. MH-545408-AB

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