Insertion of Penile Prosthesis
Removal of Penile Prosthesis

Description of the Procedure

To prevent infection, your genital area will be cleaned. You will be given antibiotics about one hour before surgery. A thin tube called a catheter will be inserted into the penis to make sure that the bladder remains drained of urine.

There are two types of implants available:

- **Inflatable implant**—two cylinders, a pump, tubing, and may have a reservoir
- **Malleable implant**—two semi-rigid rods inserted into the penis

**Inflatable Implant**

There are two types of inflatable implants: two-piece and three-piece. For both types, the doctor will make a small incision at the top of the scrotum. The incision will be made so that sutures are under the skin and can be absorbed.

With the two-piece implant, the cylinders will be inserted into the penis. A pump with fluid will be inserted into the scrotum. This type of implant is simpler to insert. It takes up more space in the penis, leaving less room to expand.

With the three-piece implant, the cylinder will be inserted into the penis. The pump will be inserted into the scrotum. Lastly, a reservoir containing the fluid that is used for inflation will be inserted into the abdomen.

**Malleable Implant**

The doctor will make an incision just behind the head or near the base of the penis. An opening will be made into each of the two long tubes of spongy tissue inside the penis. The doctor will insert one rod into each tube. Lastly, the doctor will close the incisions so that no sutures will be needed.

**How Long Will It Take?**

- Inflatable implant: 1-2 hours
- Malleable implant: 30-60 minutes

**Will It Hurt?**

You will have pain for about four weeks. Ask your doctor about medication for pain.

**Average Hospital Stay**

This procedure is most commonly done as an outpatient. You may need to stay one night or longer if you have problems.

**Post-procedure Care**

- At the Surgery Center:
  - While you are recovering at the surgery center, your doctor will:
  - Consider having the urine catheter removed
  - Give you antibiotics and pain medications
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At Home

When you return home, do the following to help ensure a smooth recovery:

- Be sure to follow your doctor's instructions.
- Ask your doctor about when it is safe to shower, bathe, or soak in water.
- Take antibiotics as directed.

For pain relief, use:

- Over-the-counter medications or those your doctor prescribes
- A warm compress
- Wear loose-fitting underwear while you recover.
- Avoid sexual activity for at least six (6) weeks.
- Avoid difficult physical exercise and heavy lifting for six (6) weeks.
- Ask your doctor when you can return to work. You may need to wait 10 days.
- Do not drive until instructed by your doctor.

* Call Your Doctor

- After you leave the hospital, contact your doctor if any of the following occurs:
- Redness, swelling, increasing pain, increasing bleeding, or a large amount of fluid leaking from the surgical area
- Increased swelling in your scrotum or penis
- Blood in your urine
- Signs of infection such as fever, chills, headache, muscle aches, lightheadedness, general ill feeling
- New symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, constipation, abdominal swelling
- Pain or difficulty with urination

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