

Keeping pace

Here's what to expect with a pacemaker

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After leading a pacemaker clinic at OSF HealthCare for 13 years, James Borbely [BOR-blee] knows how the tiny devices make a big difference for heart patients. And in 2024, technology advances are making the small devices easier to manage. Tim Ditman of OSF has more.

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A pacemaker paces a slow heartbeat. It's put in your chest, and wires go to the heart. A home monitor keeps an eye on how it's working.

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**"If they have an arrhythmia, the device can catch it on a self-check it does every day. It communicates with the monitor. If it shows something is out of parameters, it'll send me a message." (:17)**

I'm Tim Ditman.

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While doctors have this down to a science, there are things to know about living with a pacemaker. Keep your cell phone away from your chest. Expect to set off metal detectors. And no skydiving or arc welding.

But it's a small price for a new lease on life.