

Guidelines for Skin preparation for inpatients prior to pacing implant

Medical Condition	Supervised Shower	Unsupervised Shower	Supervised bedside wash
Haemodynamically unstable	No	No	Yes
Arrhythmia on telemetry	Yes	No	Yes if poor mobility
Arrhythmia not on telemetry	Yes	Yes	Yes if poor mobility

Please avoid attaching electrodes in the infraclavicular area near where the pacemaker pocket is made.

Please ensure that the area is washed in clean water and soap using a clean face flannel or Conti wipes. Ensure the area is dried with a clean towel. Do not use talcum powder or deodorant spray.

If the area needs shaving this will be done in the Cardiac Cath lab area when the patient comes across for their procedure.

Any concerns about the implant area contact the Cath Lab on ext 2067.