

# PATHWAY FOR THE DEACTIVATION OF INTERNAL CARDIOVERTER DEFIBRILLATORS (ICDs)

DISCUSS DEACTIVATION WITH PATIENT/CARERS AT THE FOLLOWING POINTS OF CARE. ADVICE AVAILABLE FROM ARRHYTHMIA SPECIALIST NURSES at MPH – 01823 343595, BHFarrhythmianurses@tst.nhs.uk

- Prior to implantation
- Patient experiencing repeated inappropriate activations from ICD
- Progression of cardiac disease and device no longer appropriate
- When a 'Not for CPR' decision has been made or a decision to limit treatment options that would allow a natural death
- Patient on EPaCCS (electronic palliative care co-ordination system) or Gold Standards Framework
- Development of non cardiac life limiting condition and prognosis less than 12 months

DECISION TO DEACTIVATE AGREED WITH PATIENT AND OR SURROGATE

## IN HOURS

Monday to Friday 09.00 to 17.00

From outside MPH call 01823 342953 to speak to physiologist and provide:

- Patient's name
- DOB
- Place of patient care and telephone number
- Why deactivation is required
- Urgency
- Contact details of clinician (Tel/ bleep/mobile)
- Any known details of device including manufacturer

Physiologist to contact a Consultant Cardiologist, preferably Dr Dayer or Dr Walker if available. Record permission for physiologist to deactivate in clinical notes. If YDH patient-contact Senior Nurse Cardiology or Arrhythmia Nurse to arrange deactivation and inform physiologist at MPH.

Physiologist contacts place of care and organises the visit as soon as possible but within 48 working hours. At visit physiologist assesses patient and may discuss further with Consultant Cardiologist at MPH. Deactivate device.

## OUT OF HOURS

17.00 to 09.00 Monday to Friday, 24 hours  
Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays

If the Doctor responsible for care feels deactivation is appropriate and urgent, discussion with patient and / or family should take place. If further advice required: please contact the duty cardiologist or St Margaret's Hospice advice line. All such conversations must be recorded in clinical notes and the Doctor is responsible for communication with relevant local nursing and care teams.

Magnet applied as per 'How to use a magnet Guide' and magnet application chart completed. Magnets located: OOH, Hospices, Emergency Response Vehicle, YDH A&E, and Community Hospitals. Physiologists at MPH or YDH appropriately must be contacted urgently on the next working day to arrange ICD programmed