

Pacemaker Donation Form
Pace4Life

Every year up to 2 million people die in the developing world because they don't have enough money for a lifesaving pacemaker operation.

In the United Kingdom over 35,000 individuals undergo pacemaker implant surgery each year, costing around £5,000 - £15,000 at a time. When a pacemaker wearer passes away, the device is buried with them, or, if the deceased chooses to be cremated, it is removed before cremation and then discarded as medical waste. Yet in the developing world, approximately 2 million people die every year due to the prohibitive cost of these lifesaving devices and associated surgery.

In the 21st century, the disparities in healthcare between the industrialised world and those in under-developed countries have become all too apparent, with cardiovascular disease having an increasing impact on death rates.

Pace4Life is responding to this situation by undertaking a project that will see discarded pacemakers sent to needy individuals, delivering vital healthcare to impoverished countries. Instead of the current practice of discarding pacemakers, Pace4Life is seeking to establish a process whereby families donate discarded pacemakers to Pace4Life to be reused or recycled.

If you or your loved one has a pacemaker, you may be able to help save lives simply by donating that device to Pace4Life.

If you agree to donate the device, please complete and sign this form in full. The pacemaker will be respectfully removed at a hospital, mortuary or funeral parlour and the device sent to Pace4Life.

*If you have any questions at all about Pace4Life please do not hesitate to contact:
Mr Balasundaram Lavan (Pace4Life) - lavan@pace4life.org / www.pace4life.org*

Your wishes regarding the donation of a pacemaker

Details	Pacemaker Patient	Next of Kin
First Name(s)		
Last Name(s)		
Address		
Contact Number		
Email Address		
Date of Birth		
Date of Death (if applicable)		
Relationship to Pacemaker Patient		

INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO FILL THIS FORM AND FOLLOWING SECTIONS
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1. Show your agreement to the relevant sections by "TICKING" the relevant boxes.
2. If you do not agree please leave the box(es) blank.
3. Please sign and date the form accordingly
4. Please populate the details of the donated pacemaker so that we can match the pacemaker to the completed donor form.

PLEASE BE ASSURED THAT YOU OR YOUR LOVED ONE WILL BE TREATED WITH CARE AND RESPECT.

Section 1: Instances of Cremation: You or your loved one's decision about the donation of a pacemaker that will be removed prior to cremation.

Where you or your loved one is to be cremated, the pacemaker will be removed prior to cremation. This is because pacemakers are a fire hazard during cremation and are liable to explode.

If you agree to the donation of the pacemaker that has been or will be removed before the funeral, please tick this box.

I/We agree to donate the pacemaker removed prior to cremation and its reuse/re-implantation/recycling.

Section 2: Instances of Burial: You or your loved one's decision about the removal and donation of a pacemaker to be removed before a burial

Where you or your loved one is to be buried, the pacemaker will not be automatically removed. With your agreement, the pacemaker will be removed typically at a hospital, mortuary or funeral parlour prior to burial.

If you agree to the pacemaker being removed before burial please tick this box

I/We agree to the pacemaker being removed before burial and its reuse/re-implantation/recycling.

Section 3: Overall Consent & Understanding

All of my/our questions about donating a pacemaker have been answered.

Patient / Next of Kin Name
Signature Date

Donated Pacemaker Details
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Pacemaker Make	Pacemaker Model	Pacemaker Serial No