



Pacemaker Donation Form

In the developing world approximately 2 million people die every year due to the prohibitive cost of pacemakers. In the UK we implant over 35,000 of these a year and when a pacemaker user passes away, the device is buried with them or, in the case of cremation, it is removed and discarded as medical waste due to the explosion risk posed by the device during cremation.

Pace4Life is the charity that puts this right. Just as organ donation helps people after the death of a loved one, pacemaker donation saves the life of someone in the developing world who cannot afford the care that we receive for free in the UK under the NHS.

Pace4Life takes donated pacemakers and reconditions any with battery life greater than 5 years. These are then sent to programmes in the developing world, to trusted cardiologists that have been trained to implant them, without the patient paying anything.

Your loved one's pacemaker can save a life in the developing world, simply by consenting to donate this pacemaker to us.

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

We would ask you to consider whether you could contribute to the cost of getting this pacemaker into a patient in the developing world to ensure that this donation helps to save a life.

*If you have any questions about Pace4Life please do not hesitate to contact:
Dr Joel Dunning at joel.dunning@pace4life.org*

Please be assured that your loved one will be treated with care and respect.

- Where your loved one is to be cremated, the pacemaker is removed as a matter of routine as they are an explosion hazard.
- In the case of burial, the pacemaker will not be automatically removed. With your consent, the pacemaker will be removed in order for it to be donated prior to burial.

I agree to donate the pacemaker removed prior to cremation or burial and for it to be donated to Pace4life.

I understand that all pacemakers with adequate battery life will be reconditioned for donation without charge to the developing world.

If it has inadequate battery life it will be fully recycled and the precious metals reused.

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

Signature _____ Date _____

PRINT NAME _____ Tel _____

Address _____ Postcode _____

E-mail _____

Section 2: Details of the deceased

Full Name	
Address	
Date of Birth	
Date of Death	
Estimated years since implantation of pacemaker	

Please optionally complete the details if known (The funeral directors may be able to assist)

Pacemaker Make	Pacemaker Model	Pacemaker Serial No

Donation towards the cost of implantation

Pacemaker donation is one of the most cost effective ways to save a life in the 3rd world. However it is not fully without cost and we would be very grateful if you chose to help to ensure that this pacemaker gets to someone who needs it but cannot afford it.

£25 – The cost of sending this pacemaker to the USA for reconditioning and then sending it on to one of our programmes in the developing world

£100 – We recondition the pacemaker but there is also a wire from the pacemaker to the heart which we cannot recover. This is the cost of new pacing wires to send with the pacemaker so that the recipient does not have to pay for these either.

£500 – The cost of flying a cardiologist volunteer to train local doctors in implantation so they can commence a whole new programme of pacing implantation in their city

Ways to donate :

Bank transfer to Pace4life bank account (please put your name as a reference)
Sort code 20-55-41 account number 23326276

PayPal <https://bit.ly/pace4life>

See our website www.pace4life.org

I would like you to contact me with regard to donation

YES / NO

