

PATHWAY FOR THE DEACTIVATION OF INTERNAL CARDIOVERTOR DEFIBRILLATORS (ICDs)

DISCUSS DEACTIVATION WITH PATIENT / CARERS AT THE FOLLOWING POINTS OF CARE.

- Prior to implantation
- Patient experiencing repeated inappropriate activations from ICD
- No longer clinically appropriate or a patient wishes to deactivate
- When a 'DNACPR' decision has been made or a decision to limit treatment options that would allow a natural death, this should be recorded on the TEP chart
- Patient on EPaCCS (electronic palliative care co-ordination system) or palliative care end of life register
- Development of a life limiting condition and prognosis less than 12 months
- If conditions are met for an advance decisions document

ADVICE AVAILABLE FROM ARRHYTHMIA NURSE SPECIALISTS AT MPH
01823 343595, ANS@somersetFT.nhs.uk

DECISION TO DEACTIVATE AGREED WITH PATIENT, FAMILY OR THOSE IMPORTANT TO THE PATIENT

CONSIDER MENTAL CAPACITY ACT
(Refer to policy on the trust intranet)

IN HOURS MON-FRI
09:00-17:00

From outside MPH call 01823 342953 to speak to Cardiac Physiologists. Please provide:

- Patients name and 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 (if known)

Cardiac Physiologist to contact Consultant Cardiologist. If in agreement direction for physiologists to deactivate ICD recorded 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 2 working days. At visit physiologist assesses patient and may discuss further with Consultant Cardiologists at MPH.
Deactivate Device

OUT OF HOURS
IF DEATH IS EXPECTED BEFORE
NEXT IN HOURS PERIOD
17:00 -09:00 Mon-Fri
24 hours Sat, Sun and B/H

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: MPH 'Pacing Defib' crash trolleys, OOH, Hospices, Emergency Response Vehicle, YDH A&E, and Community Hospitals.

Cardiac Physiologists at MPH or YDH appropriately MUST be contacted urgently on the next working day to arrange ICD programmed deactivation.