

Primoport



Totally Implantable Port
Patient Information

A new option for you

Your treatment may require frequent injections of medicine, or other IV fluids directly administered into the blood stream.

Additionally, it may be necessary to take several blood samples during your treatment.

In order to make these procedures more comfortable for you, you can utilize a totally-implantable vascular access port.

This brochure offers important information about the Primo Port®. For more detailed information, please contact your doctor or nurse practitioner.



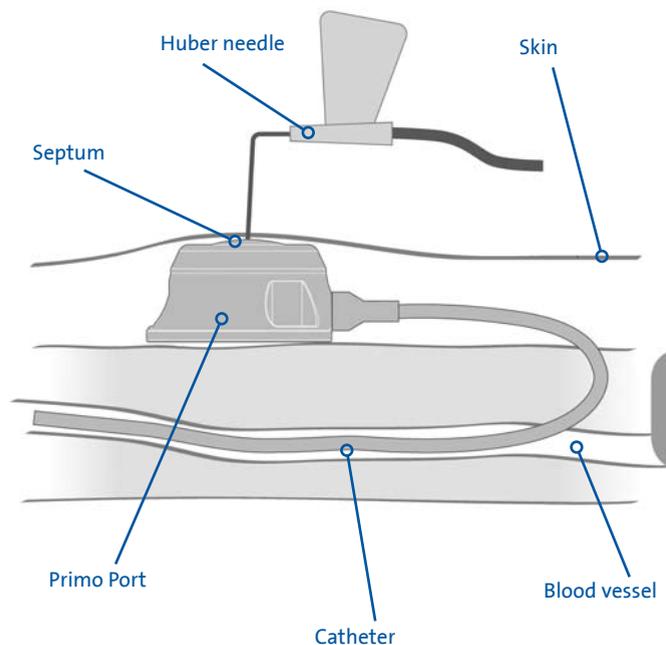
What is the Primo Port®?

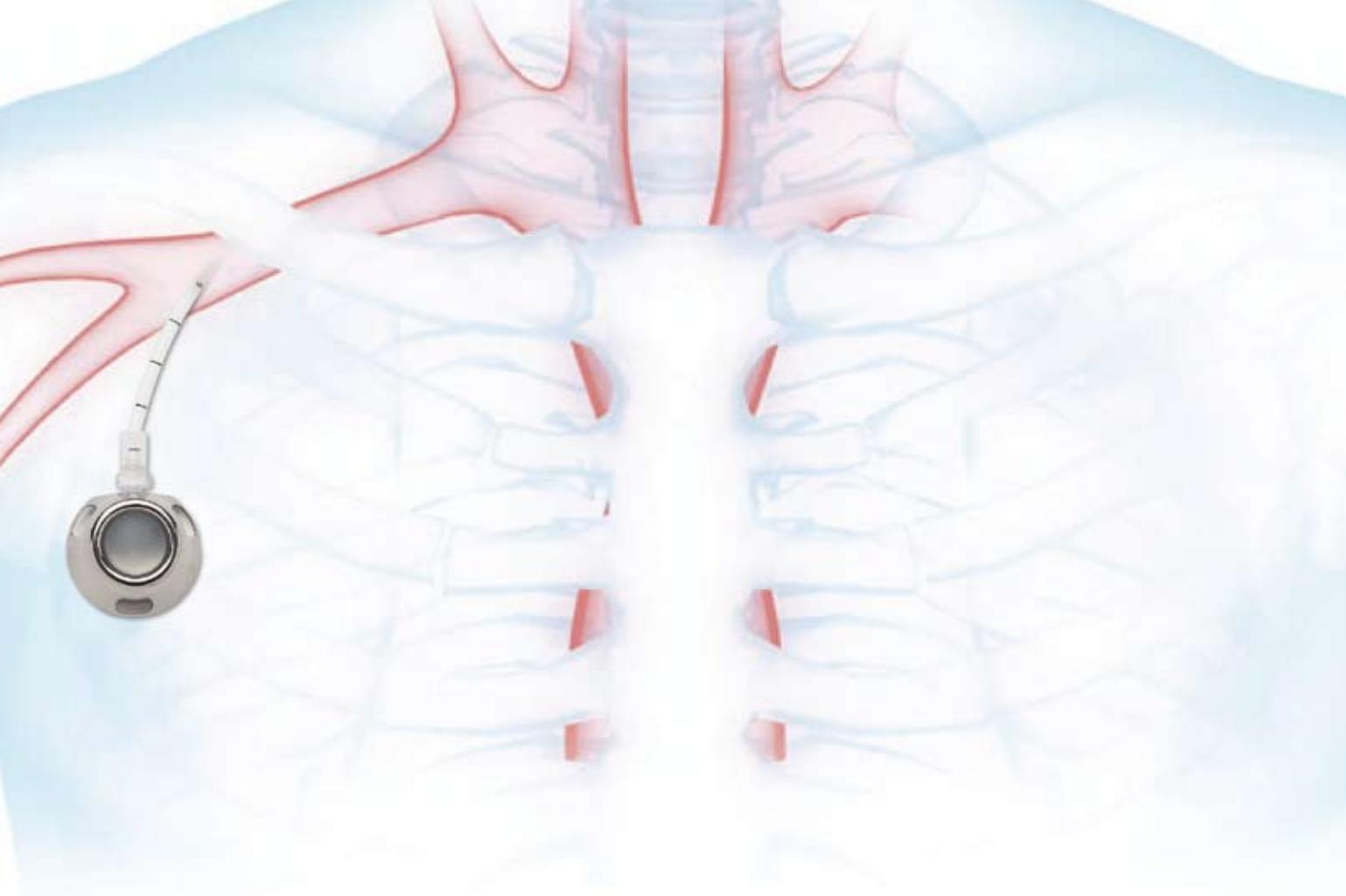
The Primo Port is comprised of two components, a small reservoir, and a flexible tube.

The reservoir is sealed internally by a rubber membrane and connected to a flexible tube called a catheter.

A special needle is introduced through the rubber membrane into the reservoir, to administer medication and IV fluids as well as to take blood samples.

There are different types of Primo Ports; your doctor will choose the one that is most appropriate for your treatment.





It is easy to implant

The Primo Port is implanted with a simple surgical procedure during which the reservoir is positioned under your skin and the catheter is introduced into the blood vessel. The port is generally implanted in the upper torso below the clavicle. Your doctor will determine the best position for the implant according to your anatomy and treatment.

Convenient for intravenous therapy

The Primo Port is convenient and comfortable for your intravenous treatment, allowing the doctor or nurse to administer medicine and IV fluids or to take blood samples with ease and without the need to puncture the veins in your arm with a needle.

Frequently Asked Questions

Will the Primo Port affect my normal daily activities?

During the first few days immediately following the implantation, you should avoid strenuous activities. Once the incision has healed, you may return to your normal daily activities.

Ask your doctor or nurse about specific activities.

Will the Primo Port activate security alarms?

The Primo Port is made of either plastic or metal which is generally not detected by the majority of alarm systems. If an alarm were to be activated, present the ID card that comes with your port.

Will I need to wear a dressing over my Primo Port?

A dressing will be required over the incision while it is healing.

Once the incision has healed, a dressing will not be required. A bandage may be used to protect or stabilize the needle during blood withdrawal or infusion of medicine and other IV fluids.

How long will the Primo Port remain implanted?

The length of time the port needs to remain implanted will be decided by your doctor.

Can the Primo Port be removed if I no longer need it?

Yes. Once the Primo Port is no longer required, it can be removed by means of a very simple and quick surgical procedure performed by your doctor similar to the one used to implant it.

Is the Primo Port compatible with magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), computerized x-rays, or radiotherapy?

Yes. The Primo Port is made of non-ferrous materials and is compatible with MRI, computerized x-rays and radiotherapy.

Who pays for my Primo Port?

Your insurance provider will generally cover the costs of the device, the surgeon, and the hospital in its totality. As insurance coverage may vary depending on your plan, we recommend that you verify the coverage with your insurance provider prior to having the device implanted.

Should I avoid any particular types of clothing?

This will depend on where your device was implanted. Ask your doctor or nurse where your port will be implanted.

For more information, speak with your doctor or nurse.

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