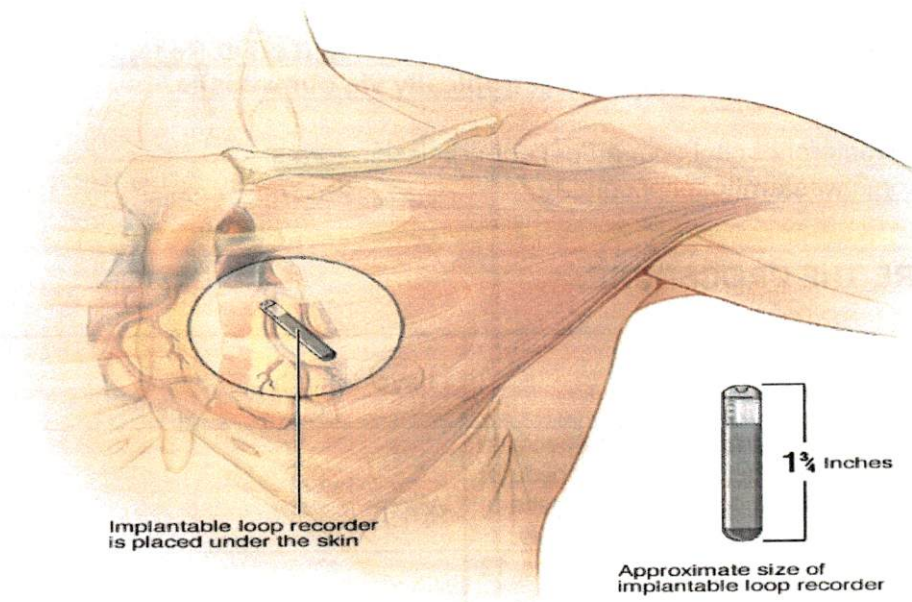




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PATIENT INFORMATION FOR CARDIAC DEVICE INSERTION



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IMPLANTABLE LOOP RECORDER (ILR)

An Implantable Loop Recorder (ILR) is a small, thin device (approximately 2.5 cm in length) inserted under the skin of the upper chest. The device can record your heart rhythm for up to 3 years. It records the electrical signals of your heart over a long period of time to identify an irregular heart rhythm. It can determine whether your symptoms are related to a heart rhythm problem.

The procedure takes 15-20 minutes. The insertion site will be numbed by local anaesthetic and the wound will be stitched, usually with dissolvable stitches.

Education will be provided on how to use the 'activator' to assist in capturing and recording an episode. You will also be given a Home Monitoring unit that you will take with you, as well as instructions on how to set it up and use it once you are home.