

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. How difficult is the IPP to inflate?

A: Your doctor will show you a model, and allow you to practice with it. Inflation and deflation requires a minimum of practice and can be taught to your sexual partner if desired.

2. Will my partner be able to feel the IPP?

A: Sexual partners of men who currently have an IPP report no unusual sensation and are unable to detect the device during the intercourse.

3. How much pain will I experience?

A: A moderate amount of pain or discomfort can be expected. The discomfort diminishes approximately by the sixth week, when you experience little or no pain at all.

4. How long will I be in the hospital?

A: Generally half the patients may go home the same day as surgery is performed; half will need to remain in the hospital several days.

5. Will my insurance cover the expenses?

A: Insurance companies differ in their coverage. Your doctor's insurance staff will be happy to assist you in determining your insurance coverage.

6. How long will the IPP last?

A: Depending on care and use of the prosthesis, it should last many years without difficulty. If a problem should arise, it is a simple procedure to correct it in most cases.

7. Will I be capable of ejaculation and fathering a child after this surgery?

A: If you were capable of ejaculating and impregnating before you became impotent, the IPP will enable you to achieve both.

8. Will I notice it?

A: You will feel the pump in the scrotal sac, and the penis will not be as soft as it once was.

9. Can I get a normal erection?

A: There is still erectile tissue present in some cases, so it is possible in these instances to enhance the erection through normal tissue.

10. What are the risks of infection?

A: As with any surgery there is always a danger of infection. Complications with infection are relatively rare.

11. Must I have an IPP?

A: Of course not. It is elective. If you cannot get an erection naturally you must decide whether getting an erection with the IPP is right for your lifestyle and situation.