

Why have I been give this appointment?

You may have been given an appointment at the complex implant clinic for different reasons:

- You have an implant which cannot be felt easily
- Another health care professional has tried to remove your implant but was unable to do so
- Your implant is bent or broken
- You have been advised to attend by another doctor or nurse

What will happen at my appointment?

You will be seen by the doctor who will explain the procedure to you. This will usually involve

- An ultra-sound scan to locate your implant
- Surgical removal of the implant using local anaesthetic

Benefits of treatment

Your doctor will advise you whether you should have your implant removed. This is recommended if it has been in place for 3 years or if you have developed a medical condition which makes the implant unsuitable.

You may wish to have the implant removed sooner if you have developed side-effects which may due to the implant.

What are the risks involved?

Common risks include:

- Bruising
- Bleeding
- Scarring

Uncommon risks:

- Wound infection
- Injury to nerves
- Injury to vessels
- Failure to remove device

What happens if they cannot see my implant on the scan?

If the doctor cannot see the implant clearly on ultra sound you will be referred to have an xray of your arm or to have blood tests.

What happens if they cannot remove my implant at the complex implant clinic?

If the doctor cannot remove your implant you will be referred to the orthopaedic surgeons for further assessment

Aftercare advice:

After 24 hours – you can remove the white pressure bandage

After 3-4 days – you can remove the plaster or steri-strips over the wound

After 5-7 days -you should make an appointment to see your practice nurse to have any stitches removed

Be aware of the signs of infection which include:

- increased pain
- redness
- swelling
- discharge from the wound
- general fever

See your GP if you develop any of these signs.



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