

## PATIENT INFORMATION ON IMPLANTABLE PORT INSERTION (also known as Portacath® or TIVAD – Totally Implantable Venous Access Device)

An implantable port is a device inserted under the skin to facilitate intra-venous access (see picture).

It is inserted in the operating theatre by an anaesthetist under local anaesthesia and conscious sedation, or less commonly under general anaesthesia. The insertion takes about one hour to complete.

After the implantable port is inserted, you will remain in the post anaesthesia care unit ("recovery room") where a chest X ray will be performed to check the device's position.

Once the position has been confirmed, the device can be used straight away and it will remain in place for as long as necessary.

Pain or discomfort in the neck and at the site of port placement are common in the 3 days that follow insertion. Pain-killers are prescribed on discharge.

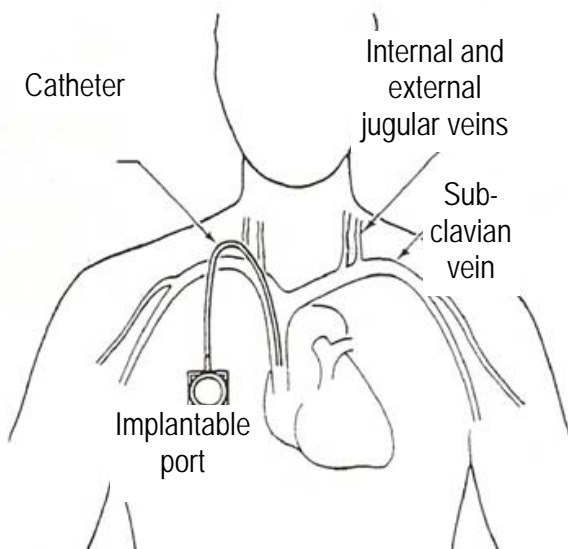
The implantable port can be associated with complications. They occur in about 5 to 10 % of cases over the entire lifetime of the device. They can happen on insertion (usually a bruise). They can also occur later: the device can become blocked, it can become infected or it can cause thrombophlebitis (blood clot).

Contact us (☎ : 02.47.47.84.10) so the most appropriate course of action can be pursued if an implantable port becomes uncomfortable, an insertion site becomes red or painful, you develop a temperature

In these cases you may need treatment and in case of infection, the port may need to be removed.  
If you would like further information, please contact us

The medical team

Please give this copy to the anaesthetist along with the anaesthesia questionnaire when you come for your pre-operative anaesthetic visit



Name:

First Name:

Date:

Signature: