

Cardioversion is a procedure that uses electrical shock to correct arrhythmias. An arrhythmia is a heartbeat that is too slow, too fast, or irregular. It may prevent your body from getting the blood and oxygen it needs.

How do I prepare for a cardioversion?

You may need a transesophageal echocardiogram (TEE) before your cardioversion. A TEE is an ultrasound to check for clots in your heart. You may need a blood thinner medication for several weeks before your cardioversion. This will prevent blood clots.

What will happen during an electrical cardioversion?

You will be given medicine through your IV to keep you asleep and free from pain. The medication you will be given is called moderate sedation. You will not be placed under general anesthesia. You will continue to breathe on your own and maintain your own airway. A heart monitor is an EKG that monitors your heart's electrical activity before, during, and after the procedure. A healthcare provider will also monitor your blood pressure and oxygen levels. You will get oxygen through a mask placed over your nose and mouth or through small tubes placed in your nostrils. A healthcare provider will place sticky pads on your chest and back. Your heart will be shocked with electricity through the pads. Your heart may be shocked more than once to help it return to its normal rhythm.

What will happen after cardioversion?

Healthcare providers will monitor your heartbeat, blood pressure, and oxygen levels. You may feel drowsy from the medicine given during the procedure. Your chest may be red or sore where the pads were placed. This should go away in a few days.

Discharge Instructions

- Continue your home medications as prescribed by your physician. Do not quit taking any medications until you discuss with your physician. Keep a written list of what medications you are taking and when you take them. Place this list in your wallet or purse and carry with you at all times. If you are taking blood thinners, watch for bleeding in your gums or nose and in your urine or bowel movements. Tell your dentist before dental cleanings, or other caregivers before procedures, that you take blood thinner.
- Rest until you are fully awake. You may feel sleepy for the rest of the day and the next morning.
- Do not drive a car or operate machinery for 24 hours after the procedure. You will need to arrange a ride home. You will not be able to drive yourself.
- Do not make any major decisions or return to work in the first 24 hours after your procedure.

Visit our website
using this QR code to
access videos about
your procedure.



Questions

Call 785-625-4699 – DeBakey Heart Institute
855-429-7633 – Hays Med ONE CALL

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Hays Medical Center provides free aids and services to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as:

- Qualified sign language interpreters
- Written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats)

Hays Medical Center provides free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as:

- Qualified interpreters
- Information written in other languages

If you need these services, contact the Director of Clinical Care Coordination at 785.623.5297, or the Operator at 785.623.5000.

If you believe that Hays Medical Center has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex, you can file a grievance with:

Chief Legal Officer
Hays Medical Center
2220 Canterbury Drive
Hays, Kansas 67601
Telephone Number: 785.650.2759
TTY/TDD or State Relay Number: 800.766.3777 (V/T); or Dial 711
Fax: 785.623.5524
Email: joannah.applequist@haysmed.com

You can file a grievance in person or by mail, fax, or email. If you need help filing a grievance, Joannah Applequist, Chief Legal Officer, is available to help you.

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>, or by mail or phone at:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Room 509F, HHH Building
Washington, D.C. 20201
1-800-368-1019, 800-537-7697 (TDD)

Complaint forms are available at <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>.

ATTENTION: If you speak a language other than English, language assistance services are available to you free of charge. Call 1-855-429-7633 (TTY: 1-800-766-3777).

SPANISH

ATENCIÓN: si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al 1-855-429-7633 (TTY: 1-800-766-3777).

VIETNAMESE

CHÚ Ý: Nếu bạn nói Tiếng Việt, có các dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ miễn phí dành cho bạn. Gọi số 1-855-429-7633 (TTY: 1-800-766-3777).

CHINESE

注意: 如果您使用繁體中文, 您可以免費獲得語言援助服務。請致電1-855-429-7633 (TTY: 1-800-766-3777)。

GERMAN

ACHTUNG: Wenn Sie Deutsch sprechen, stehen Ihnen kostenlos sprachliche Hilfsdienstleistungen zur Verfügung. Rufnummer: 1-855-429-7633 (TTY: 1-800-766-3777).

KOREAN

주의: 한국어를 사용하시는 경우, 언어 지원 서비스를 무료로 이용하실 수 있습니다. 1-855-429-7633 (TTY: 1-800-766-3777) 번으로 전화해 주십시오.

LAOTIAN

ໂປດຊາບ: ຖ້າວ່າທ່ານເວົ້າພາສາລາວ, ການບໍລິການຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອດ້ານພາສາ, ໂດຍບໍ່ເສັຽຄ່າ, ແມ່ນມີຢູ່ສະໄໝໃຫ້ທ່ານ. ໂທ 1 855-429-7633 (TTY: 1 800-766-3777).

ARABIC

المحوظة: بالمجان لك تتوافر اللغوية المساعدة خدمات فإن، اللغة اذكر تحدث كنت إذا: 1-855-429-7633 (TTY: 1-800-766-3777).

TAGALOG

PAUNAWA: Kung nagsasalita ka ng Tagalog, maaari kang gumamit ng mga serbisyo ng tulong sa wika nang walang bayad. Tumawag sa 1-855-429-7633 (TTY: 1-800-766-3777)

BURMESE

သတိပြုရန် - အကယ်၍ သင်သည် မြန်မာစကား ကို ပြောပါက၊ ဘာသာစကား အကူအညီ၊ အခမဲ့၊ သင့်အတွက်

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ဖုန်းနံပါတ် 1-855-429-7633 (TTY: 1-800-766-3777) သို့ ခေါ်ဆိုပါ။

FRENCH

ATTENTION : Si vous parlez français, des services d'aide linguistique vous sont proposés gratuitement. Appelez le 1-855-429-7633 (TTY: 1-800-766-3777).

JAPANESE

注意事項: 日本語を話される場合、無料の言語支援をご利用いただけます。1-855-429-7633 (TTY: 1-800-766-3777)まで、お電話にてご連絡ください。

RUSSIAN

ВНИМАНИЕ: Если вы говорите на русском языке, то вам доступны бесплатные услуги перевода. Звоните 1-855 429 7633 (телетайп: 1-800 766 3777).

HMONG

LUS CEEV: Yog tias koj hais lus Hmoob, cov kev pab txog lus, muaj kev pab dawb rau koj. Hu rau 1-855-429-7633 (TTY: 1-800-766-3777).

PERSIAN (FARSI)

توجه: اگر به زبان فارسی گفتگو می کنید، تسهیلات زبانی بصورت رایگان برای شما فراهم می باشد. با (TTY: 1-800-766-3777) تماس بگیرید. 1-855-429-7633

SWAHILI

KUMBUKA: Ikiwa unazungumza Kiswahili, unaweza kupata, huduma za lugha, bila malipo. Piga simu 1-855-429-7633 (TTY: 1-800-766-3777).

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