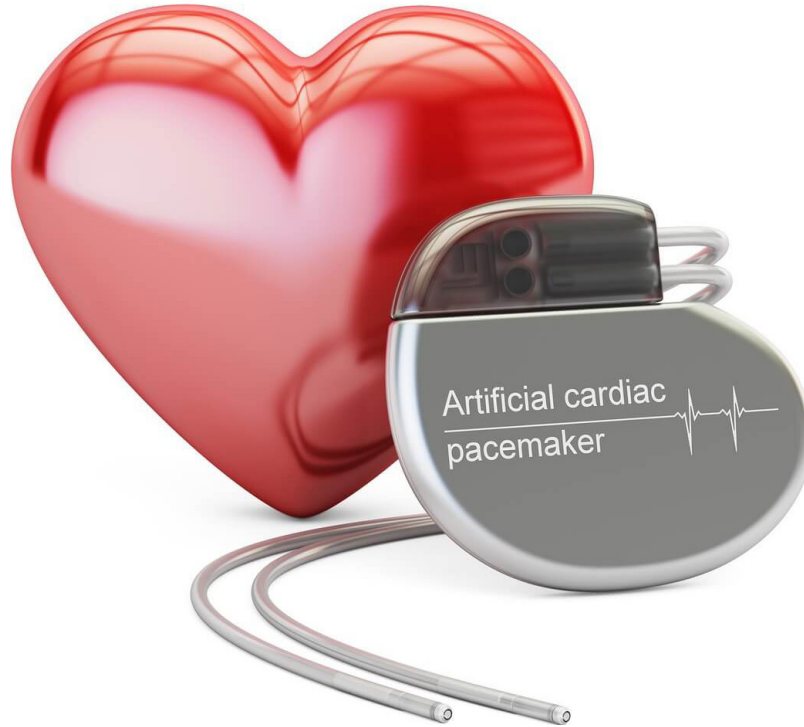


Heart Month Seminar Series



“Keeping the Pace”

The heart has an electrical conduction system which sends impulses, causing it to contract and pump blood throughout the body. A normal heartbeat starts at the heart’s “natural pacemaker” (sino-atrial node), which is in the upper right chamber. Electrical impulses spread throughout the upper chambers (atria) then the lower chambers (ventricles), causing the heart to contract and pump.

Sometimes the heart’s conduction system does not work the way it should. Instead of a normal, rhythmic and coordinated pattern, the heart may beat too slow, too fast or irregularly. A pacemaker may be able to treat these abnormal rhythms.

A pacemaker is a small electronic device placed into the chest. It stimulates the heart with electrical impulses to maintain or restore a normal heartbeat. Pacemakers are largely used to treat slow heart rhythms, but may also be used on patients with heart failure, a heart block, and fast irregular rhythms.

Chuck Hudson, RCIS

Chuck Hudson, a Registered Cardiovascular Interventional Specialist and EP Technologist for the Alaska Regional Hospital Cath Lab, will explain the various reasons for cardiac pacemakers. At the end of this presentation, you will be able to identify the symptoms that are associated with the need for a pacemaker, and what living with this device is like. There are also many misconceptions about pacemakers which Chuck will be able to clarify.

DATE & TIME

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

6 p.m.

Alaska Regional Hospital

Ivy Room 1, First Floor

2801 DeBarr Road

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