

Chapter22 : Rigidity and rear tip extenders

The discussion on rear tip extenders and whether or not they should be used has raged on here at franktalk. In my opinion, this is a detail of surgical technique which is out-of-scope for the patient having an implant. That being said, many surgeons and implant patients believe that having a rigid penis (i.e., one that stays straight out at 2:00 or 3:00 even though there is a load) is important. For me personally I have no rear tip extenders, and I am able to hold a dry beach towel up with my 22CM titan (no RTE) which points at three oclock without the towel, and four oclock with the towel.

There was a nice presentation on "deflection" of penis based on data obtained by a device which accurately measured deflection on a engineered model which simulated a penis and crus.

The reference for this scientific talk was from a presentation at the "sexual Medicine Society" presentation in 2016 in Scottsdale .

The talk title (Data presented by Dr Eid, who was the lead investigator) was:

"Use of Rear Tip Extenders Results in Greater Penile Prosthesis Cylinder Deflection"
Eid, Jf , et al 2016 SMSNA meeting.

You can find the slides from the talk at the following Site:
<http://www.smsna.org/scottsdale2016/presentations/206.pdf>

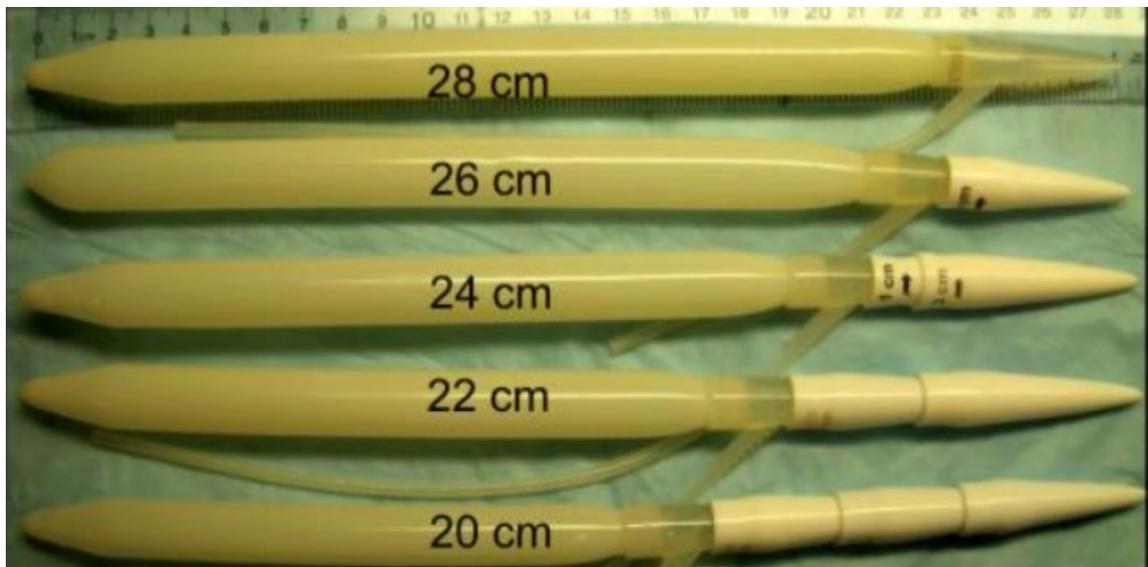


Figure 6 (above): Coloplast titan cylinders with different sizes and different rear tip extenders. (image from article by Dr Eid, et al)

Chapter23 : Thoughts on travelling long distances to have the surgery at a center of excellence

If you cannot find someone in your area with patients who are willing to talk to you about their great experiences, and who does more than forty cases per year; then you will need to think about travelling to have the surgery done by a super expert implant surgeon.

If your travel appears to be more than 5 hours, then it will likely be best to stay in a hotel for three nights.

Here were my milestones (I was told by my surgeon that this was accelerated since I healed so quickly and had such little pain):

1) day 5 - first activation (ideally, it might be nice if you can see your doctor or his nurse for this so that you are 100% certain that you know how to deflate);
HOWEVER, for me, I did this at home since I left town on an airplane 80 hours after surgery.

2) day 14 - suture removal (ideally, this should be done by your surgeon);
HOWEVER, for me, I had my local urologist take care of this since I am on the west coast and my surgeon is in New York City.

3) day 28 - first sex (ideally, this will be an amazing and life re-invigorating experience, as mentioned by my surgeon, sex at 4 weeks is unusually soon)

If you are international patient, I can maybe see an argument to stay in the country for two weeks. The first three days should be really close to the medical center , and then the rest of the time somewhere less expensive, but close enough so you can have a final visit with your surgeon at the 14 day suture removal day. However, for really experienced surgeons who do lots of fly-in international patients, the surgeon's office staff might advise you that this is likely not necessary. Personally, for me, staying longer than three days was definitely not necessary since my surgery, pump placement, and pump function all went perfectly, and I was able to

easily fly home on Friday (surgery was Tuesday) and had a super fast recovery (back at work on day 14 with almost no pain at 14 days).

Regarding continuity of care, this pales in comparison with having someone who will "do it right the first time", though you do need to recognize that if there is a significant problem, then you will end up going back to your original surgeon (unless you decide to cough up the money to pay one of the celebrity surgeons to fix up the mess)

Chapter24 : Packing List for out of town surgery plans with a few logistics details

IMPLANT PATIENTS: HOTEL PACKING LIST:

Medical:

--All Prescriptions from your doc (pain meds, antibiotics, stool softeners, Naproxen , etc)

--Hibiclens (for preop and if an early bath 3 days postop)

--activatable Ice packs (just in case)

--Milk of Magnesia or other anti constipation med.

--Extra jock strap (big pouch)

(remember, jock is outside of underwear, otherwise jock irritates penis tip)

ICE PACKS:

--oven size ziplock bags--fill with ice from hotel

(DOUBLE bag since they can leak). Freezer ziplock works better than storage. Get the type with the slide. The cheap ones will pop open on you and you will have a lap full of cold water at some point. Adding a little water to the bag will make it more flexible and lay on your body better. A 1/2 teaspoon of vodka in it will keep it from getting solid on you also which sometimes happens.

Clothing:

- Loose very clean sweats for the ride home
- Loose gym shorts for hotel
- New clean boxers for each day
- A few loose long tee shirts (to cover your "bulge" when you go out)
- Easy to get into shoes (slip-ons)
- Large lounge-like pants for departure from hospital (extra space around scrotum and lower belly)

Food:

Constipation can be a problem, I used hotel room service for breakfast and my wife also got take-out food for us. Protein shakes (no chocolate) also were good. If you are alone, consider getting a meal delivery service lined up.

Entertainment:

- computer or ipad or books for viewing while on your back in bed for a few days with extension cord for charging units

Other items:

- Bath robe for greeting the room service or food delivery people.
- "Sturdy large pillow case" which will be placed on the airplane seat as you fly home. (you do not want an infection from that seat)
- Be sure your room has a "do not disturb" sign for those two days in bed after the procedure. I had to ask for a sign from the front desk.

By the way:

Fashion Advice: Some men have an issue with the penis tip and the jockstrap . You can simulate, or imagine this, if you wear a jockstrap with a full erection. The tip will get irritated by the tight jock. To ameliorate irritation, wear underwear UNDER the

strap (that worked for me). Some have rigged up a toilet paper cardboard to protect the penis tip -- not needed for me.

Travelling advice: consider a business class "flat bed seat" for the flight home. United 757-200 between newark and the west coast had that type of seat. The 6 hour coast to coast flight was actually delightful, I slept for more than half of it, and was quite comfortable lying totally flat on my back. Yes, this costs extra, so you will have to decide if it is worth it to you or not. For me, it controlled pain and swelling and avoided what could have been a rough 6 hours in an upright economy seat sitting on my swollen balls !@#\$%

If you are alone advice: you will need a "medical escort" to take you from hospital to hotel. This can be arranged through your doctor's office. You should also plan, before surgery, exactly how you will get food delivered or supplied for the first three days since your plans should be to stay on your back in bed, flat, all the time, for three days. True, I was able to get around and go to the store on day 2, but you might not be so lucky.

(also consider reviewing the following document by Dr Eid:

<<https://www.urologicalcare.com/upload/iblock/5d7/POST-OPERATIVE-INSTRUCTIONS.pdf>>

Section III : BIONIC OWNERS MANUAL: what do you do with it ?

Chapter25: The knowledge that you can sexually perform anytime with great success: "life changing"

In a word, the feeling of having a dependable erection again: "awesome."

Yes , the implant will change your sex life infinitely for the better. When you enter the bedroom with a woman, you will have 100% confidence that you can perform like a master and that this might be one of her best love sessions ever. Freaking awesome feeling to have that confidence. It is like being a stud



Figure 1 (above) "what it feels like when walking into the bedroom with a penile implant"

Confidence, strength, stamina

Regarding increasing your sex appeal; it is well known that women are attracted to guys with confidence. The great part about the implant is that, when flirting with a woman, you can make eye contact and advances with the knowledge that you have the capability to deliver and to "finish what you are starting." I do think that women can sense this, and some of them, if they like you, will find it intriguing.

Of course, the question comes up regarding if you should tell your family about the implant. My opinion is that the implant clearly falls into the realm of TMI (too much information').

Here is my working definition of definition of "TMI:" Most friends, especially those under 65 years old, do not want to know if you dribble after peeing. They do not want to know if you have trouble wiping your butt adequately. They do not want to know if your penis is too small or if your penis never gets hard, or if you use needles to get hard or if you have a plastic implant inside your dick. In my opinion, the ONLY people who should know about your implant would be those that you are having sex with. There is enough stigma around impotence and sex addicts and perverts such that people might lump you into those weird categories. In concept, I agree that a penile implant, from a moral viewpoint, is no less weird than a breast implant. So, with this judgment, a women who gets a "boob job" is in the same league as a man who gets a "boner job."

But, penile implants are rare, and people do not know how to respond. As an example of this, my wife was super worried that ANY of our friends would find out about my implant surgery. We went to great lengths to hide why we were going to

New York for a few days. In fact, she liked the idea of leaving town since it insured privacy and anonymity.

So, how do you handle the situation where answers are demanded regarding why you were "out for a week?"

There should generally be enough respect from friends and acquaintances to back off the moment you say "I had some urological surgery." But, in the case that there is an inquisition, I think it is OK to disrespect those inquisitioners with the following white lies:

1) "I had a hernia repair "

or

2) "I had urological surgery " ---> "old man plumbing stuff" ---> "operation in and around my prostate for benign problems" ---> "removal of a benign lump on my testicle"

or

3) for medically savy inquistioners "I had a cystocele repair"

For the woman you sleep with, it is likely best to tell her about your bionic state. For many women, this will be a non-issue. For others, it will be a turn-off; but, once a woman realizes how awesome bionic sex is, she likely will "put up with the unnatural."

For many women, your sexual secret is something that makes your relationship even more intimate (women do like secrets that only they can know)

Chapter26 : Emphasizing that you are adjustable

For me, the implant can get as hard as the end of a broom stick. I think that the key is to tell your partner that you are adjustable. She should work with you on this and you should tell her that it is ever too hard, then you can back it off some.

At one point, I thought it would be a fun sex game to tell your partner:

"I am adjustable to three levels, and you can pretend I am three guys --- you just have to decide which one you want to have sex with" :

Floppy Phil ---- 50% erect (just good enough to penetrate, and really comfortable for woman)

Stamina Sam --- 80% erect (really firm erection, but still like a human)

Olympic Olly --- 100% (crazy hard like an olympic athlete)

In addition, the woman who has pain with sex (remember, for some women, bigger is definitely not better) might find a guy with an implant the perfect solution and a truly great time. You can say to the woman fearing painful sex that "With my titan implant, I can make it just barely firm enough to have sex with using just a few pumps." In that mode, if you use silicon super slippery lube, it might not hurt your sensitive woman while it is going in. In my opinion, using this "just a few pumps" mode, sex would likely be pleasurable enough for me to orgasm, and she might just tolerate and enjoy that "super gentle" sex experience !

This is just another example of how a bionic man has the versatility to be a "total boss in the bedroom." A bionic male has complete control over the firmness of the erection. I once read an account where a bionic male told his partner that he can adjust the firmness and that the implant will stay at that setting for as long as he wants.

The woman's response: so, you are the boss, "wonderful."

Chapter27 : Basic sex tips on how to use implant (stealth mode and adjusting hardness to please your partner)

A Common Question (especially from younger men who are dating):

How do you have sex with someone without telling them about the implant?:

Many have written about this and it is definitely possible. Techniques are as follows:

a) have a hole in your pocket so you can pump with pants on (and wear boxers so pump access is easy). This can be fun while grinding in a club environment.

b) pump to a level hard enough so you can still keep penis bent in your pants thirty minutes prior to sex, then during foreplay, pump the extra 5 pumps to make it to sex hardness level

c) rub your penis along the girl's lower leg and shin, you can hold your penis with one hand and pump with your other hand — she will not notice because it can look like you are just scratching your balls

d) during cunniligus, you can easily pump up taking as much time as you want

e) during foreplay you can get behind your girl, kiss the nape of her neck, finger her clit and nipples, while pumping with one hand

f) between position changes, you can give two pumps between each new position; especially effective during the shift to doggy style since she will be looking elsewhere

Essentially, it is quite easy to hide your pumping activity during foreplay, and there are a bunch of options and opportunities to get the pumping done in a stealth mode without being noticed. For my titan touch 22cm, It is 24 pumps to really hard (almost granite like). I use one hand, and it is one pump every three seconds. So, from full flacid to full erect is 70 seconds. If, as mentioned above, you do the first 13 pumps at the restaurant before heading home, then it is only 30 more seconds (ten pumps) of pumping to a rock hard erection.

Some guys can go a year with a partner and not get noticed !

Many of us, including me, have a pump placed far back where it is hard for a girl to feel. However, it is likely that the girl might notice the pump in your scrotum if she feels your balls a lot. The standard answer: "yes, I had some surgery down there after an accident; do not worry, everything works totally fine and it is all hardly noticeable."

However, many younger males have expressed great concern over this issue of keeping your implant secret for the one night stand. Certainly, I can understand why a younger man (twenties or thirties) might not want to disclose the implant. So, here is a phase by phase description of how this can work for a one night stand, or maybe a three night stand:

Pre-intercourse:

--I think pumping up can be easily hidden (for example you can do the 25 squeezes while performing oral sex on her).

--if your pump is lower profile (ie coloplast) and is well behind your balls (like mine is) then there is a 75% chance she will not detect it if she is giving you a blow job and playing with your balls (most women are not that skilled at figuring out what is in your sac and what it's supposed to feel like)

During intercourse:

--no problem, it is like a regular dick except "I get harder and last longer" than normal men

--if you go thrusting for thirty minutes, she might wonder what the hell is going on since no other man has had that type of stamina in her experience

After intercourse:

--this will be the problem. You will still be rock hard after orgasm, and that could be a flag to her

--you would need to pull out immediately and roll over, you will need to deflate which can take 30 seconds and might involve you using your hand to squeeze your dick. Thus, the after intercourse cuddle (which women love) will just not happen. All this being said, if you are skillful, then this can be done

Chapter28 : How to tell a woman that you are Bionic:

Many men, especially those in the dating scene, are quite worried about how they can effectively and suavely tell a new bed partner that they have this "sexual secret."

Here are a number of scenarios and scripts for your speech:

Scenario(1) : Say nothing until she discovers the inflation bulb in your scrotum, and then say:

"yes, I had some surgery done down there after an accident, but don't worry everything works really great and I think your really going to like my dick"

and if she pursues, you can try:

"you know it is really personal to me, I'll tell you details later, but let's not spoil the mood"

and is she still pursues you might say

"you are going to notice nothing different, except that I can get harder and last longer than most men"

and if she still pursues

"I am one of the few men who can have multiple orgasms"

and if needed, to close the deal (hopefully, with the titan, a magnum condom will fit you well) you can then say

"OK, look, this is going to be really fun, and here is a condom (in the nice magnum gold package), can we put this magnum condom on, cause regular condoms feel too tight to me. "

Scenario(2) [from franktalk member 'shooter1000'] :

You should tell them upfront before you have had sex, but after you are pretty sure you will have. Then, You can say:

"I need to fill you in on something very special about me. I am bionic. You would not likely notice unless I had told you. Well, perhaps after we have been together many times but not immediately. What it means is that I can outperform most mortal men. Including me when I was younger. I am bionic. My performance has been enhanced through a medical procedure"

" You will want to know if my sensitivity is intact. It is, and in some ways it is enhanced."

" I will be happy to answer any questions that you may have"

Many of us are different from this point depending on our individual reasons for ED. So if she has questions, you can answer them as necessary. Shooter1000 also mentions: "In my case after two bouts with Prostate cancer, I am totally sterile, and do not ejaculate. I do have massive orgasms, but I don't make a mess"

Get it out early, relax, and enjoy your bionic advantage

Scenario(3): (from SMETRO in australia)

After we both climaxed I pulled out and sitting back up from missionary I gently patted her pussy lips repeatedly with my still (of course) erect cock. She giggled and I asked if it felt nice.....she said yes, absolutely. I asked if I could keep doing it and she said yes of course and that she might just come again and that she always orgasms through clitoral stimulation.

For some reason the time felt right to tell her and so I did....straight up as we were just messing around. I Told her that I had something most men don't. I told her why (venous leakage) and that as a guy who loves women and sex it was a no brainer. I got her to hold my erection and I hit deflate. I showed her how to squeeze to get it down and then I re-inflated. She was fascinated and totally accepting of the whole process. She gently asked me if I could make it not quite so stiff. I said 'absolutely, it can be as hard or soft as you want.'

With that I pumped up to about 75% and we got back to business (pleasure).....and had a fantastic time.

Most mature women who have had children and are aware that things change and can go wrong. They are naturally empathetic and I think above all they like honesty. I was honest, I got it out of the way and I included her in the process of deflating and inflating; and made light of the process.

I also had her "feel" the pump....no problem at all. I think she was impressed that she could "dial up" the firmness. She let me know in no uncertain terms that she preferred it a little softer. She also loved that it didn't disappear without her say so!

All around a really positive experience and both looking forward to future encounters.....I hope this helps

Scenario(4): (from bandit)

If you are in a one night stand situation, you simply say, without getting into great detail, that "this is the thing the separates me from all the two pump chumps in your past. So hold on for the night of your life. Me and my little friend are going to take you to places you never been !"

Then you handle your business !

Scenario(5): (from MAXXX)

I had sex with about 40 different women, only sex. We never slept together in the bed at night. I have not been discovered because I have a very hard scrotum and the pump hidden behind my balls was not felt by anyone. When I one day have a girlfriend and I love them, then I will tell the truth, surely she will accept, if she loves me.

many implanted men have told me that they are able to have sex without being discovered, but that is not all of us, and it is wise to be prepared for the speech.

Scenario(6): Consider telling a lie -- (this is a BAD idea)

In my opinion, this is a bad idea, because your partner, once she eventually finds out months later, will never ever trust you since you told a lie during sex -- which is the most intimate of all encounters imaginable shared by a couple. But if you really must lie, here are some scripts:

Confabulation 1: that extra ball down there, it is called a "door knocker" and it is supposed to make doggy style sex more pleasurable for the women as the knocker slaps up against her butt (I got it when I was younger in the Philippines) "Let's try it and see what you think." And then, when she says it doesn't seem to make much difference, say "I think it really feels best once we have been thrusting for 20 minutes doggy style, so lets keep trying" (by the way, implants like that in the phillipines are called BOLITAS)

or

Confabulation 2: for medically savy detectives: that extra ball down there, it is residual medical coils and plugs for a "varicocele repair"

With all this in mind, I strongly recommend that you do not lie, ever, to someone you are having sex with since it poisons your relationship and almost guarantees that there will be no developing into something else should the two of you decide that you really like each other.

So, to reiterate, if you do get discovered, an effective answer is:

"yup, " I have had some work down there. I am now totally normal, and you will not notice anything different except that I get harder and last longer than any man that you have been with. It's a little pump, and it means that that my dick will never fail you, ever. It also means I can adjust how hard I can get. Go ahead and feel; if I am ever too hard for you, I can back it off a little. Let's play and see what you think."

And if the girl then says "umm, I doon't know what I think about this" you can answer "well, you should know, I am one of the few guys who can have multiple orgasms" and then let the lovemaking begin.

Chapter29 : Premature ejaculation and overall penis sensitivity after implant

For me, sensation was very slightly decreased. I used to have pretty bad premature ejaculation. Now, this problem is better, though, even after this surgery, I still do come too soon. so, sensation, for me, is totally OK and intact. Based on my reading from patient stories on the internet, it appears that there can be an issue with sensation being not as good for guys who had the infrapubic incision. Also, repeated infrapubic incision might lead to less sensation each time ?????

At any rate, I routinely continue to thrust even though I have already ejaculated; I do it since I like the overall sex experience and since it allows me to bring my wife to a roaring vaginal orgasm or two !

Chapter30 : Deflation and pumping specific advice -- owner's manual comments

My Titan is a "Titan touch"; on that model, there is a depressed dish-like pad on one side, and a raised "nipple" pad on the other. The nipple is what you need to depress forcefully for about 5 seconds to get the device to deflate.

Coloplast does have a rubber "keychain" pump simulator that is just like the real thing and is designed so you can learn exactly what the pads feel like and what they look like. Playing with this simulator was key for me to get the function properly. Try to get a "keychain pump simulator" from you urologist or coloplast rep. I carried my simulator in my pocket for a few weeks before surgery and I practiced all the time. Some wrap it in a washcloth to simulate the scrotum skin around it. Practice feeling the deflate pads and practice pumping with your fingers on the stalk. This keychain simulator is a super important thing to learn before surgery.

Show below are a couple of pictures from the coloplast site. To see the directions from coloplast, go to:

https://www.coloplastmd.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/PM-00043-Titan-Touch-Inflate-Deflate_Final.pdf



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Figure 1 (above) the coloplast titan touch pump has a "nipple" bump on one end and a "concave dish" on the other end (in this case the dish is hidden since it is pointing down to the table surface)

For maximum deflation, I sometimes fold my penis on itself, pointing down, and over my fingers so that it does a hairpin turn. This squeezes every last drop out and is sometimes a good idea. During this full deflation move, I have my other hand depressing the deflate pads of the pump (in other words, for me, it is not truly a "one touch release.") Some implantees state that giving a single quick squeeze of the pump inflation ball, AFTER, you wring out every drop "locks" things in place. I am not sure this is true, but I suppose it is worth trying if it helps keep your system from allowing any fluid to get back into the cylinders.

When I asked my surgeon (Dr. Eid) about how the implants fail, he said that there is nothing different that I should do in terms of behavior. He stated that the Titan failure point is material fatigue of the tubing near the pump due to too much bending from having the pump move up and down while inflating, so he recommends that I use hand positions in a manner to be sure that the pump stays still (in-terms of gross vertical moves) while squeezing the pump ball.

Regarding inflating to "absolute maximum" Dr Eid advised me that it is important to "inflate the implant to the point where it is as hard as granite" during the cycling phase. He told me that some people do not go to the "granite hardness" state, and that will lead to a less than ideal result. There should be absolutely no folds along the cylinder surfaces, and the surfaces, when you run a soapy hand along your shaft, it should be smooth. Also, going to granite state stretches your penis girth some, so your girth improves with that move.

Note, there is a rescue plan if you fail to get to granite in the early phase, Dr Eid has taken some patients, given them light anesthesia (gas or something) and then pumped them to the max as a minor surgical procedure. That max pumping, in the

case of coffin capsule, sometimes leads to "popping sound" as the super pressurized implant tears apart the scars in the capsule. (I did not want to face any of that, so I went to granite on day 15)

With regards to cycling, I cycled twice a day for 20 minutes during the first couple months. After that, once you are using the implant for sex, my surgeon's recommendation was to "only cycle it up when you need it for sex."

There are some men who have stated that cycling every day for an hour for the first year will lead to better girth and length. Some scientific papers have confirmed that this can indeed help. I did not do that since I felt I had good girth and adequate length. I have a suspicion that the device might wear out sooner if I subject it to too many cycles, but this "suspicion" is just a feeling.

Chapter31: Advanced sex techniques for bionics (what do you do better than everyone else — you are a one in a million)

You should consider reading my thread on the franktalk web site titled " Advanced sex techniques for bionics -- share your expertise." There are a lot of techniques and ideas in there on the franktalk site.

I have spoken to women about what it takes to be "really good in bed" and they unanimously agree that what you see in porn video is NOT what they are after. Porn focuses on piston like sex which is train steam engine like, and that is not what they crave. There are a number of quotes from women that appear to emerge over and over again:

- 1) "It is not the size, it is what you do with it"
- 2) "Girth is far more important than length"
- 3) "Hardness is important"
- 4) "I make love to the man, not the penis"
- 5) "Only 20% of women orgasm during thrusting, most require direct clitoris fingering or tongue or vibrator"
- 6) "it is the intimacy of penis-in-vagina that is hot, not necessarily the thrusts"
- 7) "I am not that keen on thrusting, I prefer clit stimulation, but I do it to make my partner happy"

8) Other women love the "rhythmic thrusting with pressure on the clit"

9) "for women, it is psychological, they like to mate with a confident and dominant male who takes them"

So the good news is that you can stop fretting about your size; you have what you have and you better like it, own it, and use it with panache. The other good news is that the implant, since it will never go down, means that you can relax and enjoy sex fully. Now you have the luxury of limitless time to totally sense what is going on with your partner.

SECTION IV GETTING BACK TO YOUR ROUTINE LIFE -- NOW AS A FREE MAN

Chapter32 : Psychological mindset after implant

For me, my depression that was caused by the failing attempts to have sex using quadmix injections was cured by two things: the penile implant and also testosterone replacement (I had low testosterone). The frequency of sex is not as much as I would like, but the KNOWLEDGE THAT I AM FULLY CAPABLE IN THE BEDROOM within 60 seconds anytime and anyplace is PRICELESS.

Now that I have the implant, there are all kinds of good side effects. I have a zest for life. My gym workouts are more intense since I have "something to get in shape for", I am more interested in taking care of myself, optimizing my clothing choices, keeping the car clean, and eating healthier. Our bodies are our temples, but a primary purpose of the temple is to come through during those grand moments of sensual ecstasy where two naked bodies intertwine. If your body fails you at that point, then the joie de vivre fizzles into thin air, and then suddenly the passion for everything decreases.

For many bionic males, flirting with women is now different; because, no matter how much sexual energy they might try to throw at you, you know deep inside that you have the fire power to match and increase the ante. Of course, us married guys will remain faithful, but it is great to know that you are "packing something powerful" and that you have a "heavily loaded weapon" hiding in your pants. They see that confidence in your eyes. Flirting is once again fun. I noticed this the moment I looked at the flight attendants while flying home after surgery. Back when I had ED, I made a quick glance and averted gaze. Now, with implant, I gaze at them a little longer just to connect.

A franktalk member once wrote

"Sexual confidence: Being able to perform puts your head in a whole different place. Knowing 'I can vigorously make love to her' is life changing. (but will she let me is a whole other thing)....by LMCatman

The implant is a surgical cure for impotence. For me, if I am having sex, I am happy. If I know that I can perform spectacularly with any woman at anytime, I am super happy. That mindset is a great psychological benefit of the implant.

Having Bionic sex capability is a secret that keeps you going, and it improves your outlook on, well, everything. The implant took me from a sad hopeless male ,who did not really look forward to the future, and it has turned me back to my younger self where I enjoy planning romantic getaways. It is almost like living inside a viagra/cialis commercial. Now as a Bionic, I actually enjoy seeing those commercials, since they remind me that "hey, I am as good, or even better than that guy in the commercial, and I will do sex as much, and better, than he will !"

Chapter33 : Public Nudity — when were you locker room ready ?

One of the best compliments my wife gave to me was last month when she stated that my penis looks great when flacid. I do not know if she was referring to the fact that it looks great in my somewhat snug fitting jeans that I wore to a party with it semi pumped up (because it looks "nice" in jeans) or if she was just referring to seeing me get in and out of the shower. Curiously, just like a guy might gain some pleasure from knowing that his friends notice his partner's big breasts, a woman might also be proud that her mate is well endowed when seen in the flacid state or when observed with tight pants or swimsuit.

Recently, I was at a nude spa in Europe. I felt proud and awesome with my semi-chub titan -- remember, the titan for me does not hang all that great. And I did catch a woman checking me out with some longing while at the pools. Also, before surgery, I was a "grower;" that means that I had a three inch flacid and a six inch erection. I hated my small flacid. It was an embarrassment; so having an awesome "big dick" flacid is a dream come true. This was an unanticipated side benefit from having the implant that I did not expect. But do remember, regarding bionic males, "we did NOT get the implant for a great flacid"

By the way, on a side note, if having a beautiful "hanging natural big dick flacid " is your goal, then AMS is better than titan since it looks and feels more natural in the flacid state. There is a nice video of an AMS in the flacid getting pumped up to a erect on the internet from Dr Karpmann. We have nicknamed the video: "the horse" since the guy is rather well hung; but it does show how great AMS looks both flacid and erect. You can see the video at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ls1fe7jRAzo&t=0s&index=1&list=PLWqXso5ZrowAX7H_-E92itoYV7Gw7Z36r&has_verified=1>.

Chapter34 : Having a truly soft flacid -- how important is this to you ?

Some men will argue that your implant is in the flacid state 99% of the time, so the flacid is important. I totally disagree; instead, I believe that the implant is there so you can perform with awesome grandeur during the ecstasy of sex. As others have stated, "the titan flacid is not really very flacid, and not as good as AMS, but they did not get the implant so that they could have a great flacid."

Before surgery, I recognized this issue that the titan flacid is not as soft and natural as the AMS flacid. However, the titan hardness and girth is better than the AMS hardness and girth. Frankly, the issue about having a semi-chub all the time is a plus in my mind, and I have grown to like this. Certainly, if the mild chub is the price to pay for the awesome erect hardness and girth, then it is worth it, to me, to have titan.

Finally, my titan took 9 months before finally pointing down enough in the flacid state such that those in a locker room would not wonder if I was semi-erect. Again, this is not a problem for me, and it is a "small price to pay" for having the awesome powers of being bionic in the bedroom.

For me, it is all about the hard state used for sex, and that is where the titan "kicks butt;" so, any "issues" with the flacid are inconsequential for me

For me, knowing what I know, I am very happy that I chose the Titan; and I am happy to put up with the crinkles and dog ears and semi during flacid since the thing

is a "beast during sex". The titan will not work in all penis sizes though, so do listen to your doctor

Regarding AUTO-INFLATION: My feeling is that this is really not a big issue with the Titan touch. As most of us know, auto-inflation happens when the pressure around the reservoir is high (for example, if you are bearing down doing weightlifting) and that causes the reservoir to squeeze some fluid into the cylinders.

To avoid this, both manufacturers have placed special valves that prevent the auto inflation (squeezing of fluid) from happening. For most of us, this seems to work, but for some of us it is not 100%. For me, I might have "chubbiness" of the cylinders, but never bad enough to show through my dress pants. Well, actually, there is a bit of a bulge, but it is something "interesting" to curious females. Certainly, if I wear tighter underwear that is not flimsy material, then I really doubt that the "slightly auto inflated" chubby cylinders would show enough for anyone to think it was unnatural. Most observers would think, "hmmmm, a lucky guy with a meaty dick".

Regarding the notion from many bionic guys that they have a constant awareness of the implant even while it is flacid (and you might be at work): Yes, I am constantly aware. But, guys with big dicks in the flacid state are also aware, constantly, of their big dick. So, I suppose, I am happy now that I finally have a big flacid that I am constantly aware of. I like it.

Please realize, I do not consider the implant as a foreign body to me. It is now a very important part of my anatomy which I like very much and which I will immediately get replaced should it fail.

Chapter35 : Fashion advice on clothes and tight pants and underwear

I do not understand why underwear is an issue. Many of the guys I spoke to on the phone just wear regular underwear. So, for me, I only think about underwear when engaging in "hiding the bulge" when wearing thinner material, tight, flat front dress pants.

Below are my thoughts from experience:

a) if I wear tight jockey type, I am ok (though a little constricted, but if I let my penis point up in them, sort of like a jock strap, then totally fine)

b) if I wear regular white briefs, I am OK, though my penis often points downwards to the side and there might be a bulge showing when I wear thin non-pleated dress pants (not a big deal -- maybe a nice look ?)

c) I bought john sievers underwear (at the recommendation of some on FrankTalk), that "elephant pouch" is a little weird, but I suppose if you want to flaunt your implant while walking around , then go with them, but I would be looked upon in a really weird way in a gym locker room if I wore John sievers (that elephant trunk pouch is just too sexually in your face)

d) if I wear thicker material pants, for example Jeans, then it does not matter what underwear I have on, and no underwear would be fine as well if pants are thick

e) having a bigger flacid presents a nice bulge which looks good. Overall, truly an enhancement over what I had before surgery. So from a fashion world viewpoint, the implant is a plus for me.

Chapter36 : Airport Security -- TSA stories

Since the inmplant has hardly any metal in it, there is no trouble with the "old fashioned metal detector" scanner (the one that you just walk through) .

However, my surgeon told me that the fancy "body scanner" that most airports use will "see the implant", but the person who looks at the body images is trained to know what an implant looks like.

I have never had an issue at TSA. I have flown 20 times since the implant, both international and domestic. Here has been my experience:

70% of the time, I go right through -- no issue.

30% of the time, they pat down my right thigh or some very limited pat down -- nothing out of the ordinary and it is pretty much what everyone else is getting.

I never carry a card with implant info (I never got one). I suppose if TSA had an issue with me, I would discreetly whisper in the TSA agent's ear that "I have a medical implant device in my penis done as prostate cancer reconstruction". Or for the

younger men "I have a medical device in my penis done to reconstruct damage after an accident." I am certain that their sense of human compassion will prevail and they will let you through. If you are worried, you can always have your friends go through first -- and then give your story to TSA without concern about being overheard.

There was an interesting discussion thread on the internet site franktalk which mentioned some TSA issues. Looking at those posts, it appears that those guys with implants 24 cm or bigger might be experiencing issues, but the rest of us "regular size guys" have had no trouble. I can imagine that, when the body scanner picks up a dick that has an implant bigger than 24 cm, the person reviewing the scan thinks "No way. That appears to be super natural, There is no male on earth with that level of endowment !" Accordingly, they feel compelled to push the button for extra screening -- maybe out of jealousy.

As my final remark, in the situation where the TSA agent is patting down your groin and your friends then ask, "why were they patting you down there ? " You can say, "yep, it's weird, I have a big dick and it throws off that body scanner. I always try to explain to them by saying 'Dude, it's my dick, OK' but they don't always take my word for it !"

Chapter37 : MRI scans and the implant -- print this letter

There is no problem; MRI scans are completely possible after the implant. If needed, you can print the official permission letters by Coloplast and by AMS by downloading them from Dr Eid's website.

The link for the coloplast safety letter is:

<[https://www.urologicalcare.com/upload/iblock/89f/MRI-Compatibility-Letter-\(Coloplast\).pdf](https://www.urologicalcare.com/upload/iblock/89f/MRI-Compatibility-Letter-(Coloplast).pdf)>

The link for AMS devices safety letter is at:

<<https://www.urologicalcare.com/upload/iblock/9a1/AMSMRIletter.pdf>>

Basically, both letters from coloplast and AMS state that it is safe for Penile implant patients to have MRI scans. Alternatively, if the above links do not work, then you can find them using the google search with terms: "urologicalcare MRI compatibility" . "

Some MRI centers might require that you have the operative report (or a patient card) proving that you have a device from a particular manufacturer (eg, Coloplast letter for Titan patients and AMS letter for AMS CX patients), but I think that most will take your word for it especially if you give them or fax them the letter.

Chapter38 : Longevity of the implant

The most commonly quoted statistic for longevity of implants is that there is a "3% failure rate per year." In other words, at ten years, 30% will have failed and 70% will still be working. We all hope that we will be in a group where the implant lasts 20 years (you have a forty percent chance of that happening), but life is unpredictable. The longevity demands on how well your implant was built (good factory quality control) and how expertly it was installed (no tubing kinks) and how you beat-up on it (bouncing the tubes and bulb might be bad).

Here are two graphs from two studies showing the longevity of implants:

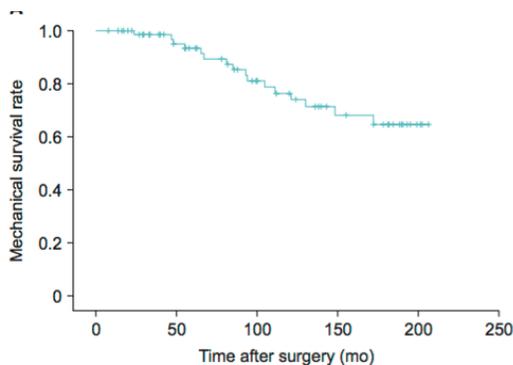


Figure above: Longevity over 17 years. In the above graph, at 17 years, 65% of implants were still functional.

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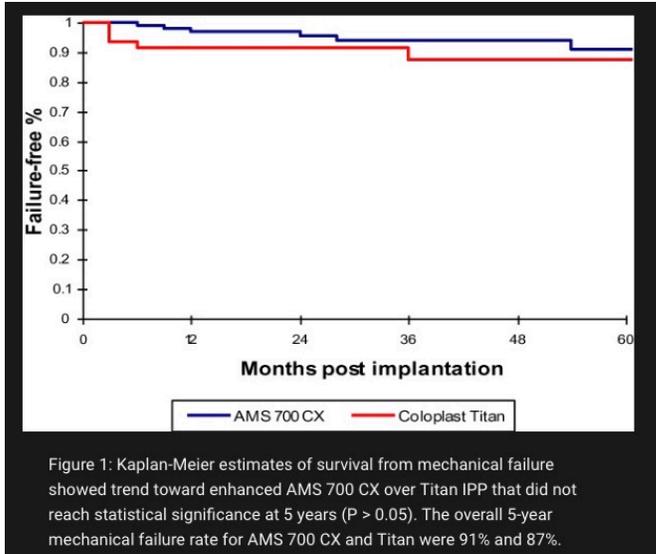


Figure (above): Titan versus AMS CX longevity. There is no difference in lifespan of the implants at five years.

Please realize that the longevity data comes from studies that usually ended after fifteen years follow-up. Many patients die before their implant quit. Many patients needed a revision in the first year. Many implant doctors say that "the more you use it, the sooner it will wear out" which to me means that there is perhaps a "cycle count" (ie, expect 1500 cycles before failure ???).

There is no solid recommendation regarding what we can do to keep the lifespan of the implant ideal. Most agree that early failure (first few years) may be due to a tube kinking issues that might have happened during original surgery. Others say that if there is a repeated trauma (for example horseback riding) that this might lead to sooner failure. MANY state that there is no way to predict. For me, I refrain from riding horses or bouncy tractors; but I am not sure that these personal prohibitions are necessary.

All implant surgeons will state that "the point of an implant is to use it, so please do not save it if you have an opportunity for sex" and some guys sate that they would not "want to die with a functioning implant" meaning that it is key to use it to the maximum and leave nothing on the table in terms of number of sex encounters

Of course, when the implant fails, you will face a new operation. The good news is that the revisions, when done by a good surgeon, can get you back up and running just as good, or maybe better, than before. The key is that a revision needs to be done by a high volume expert since it is more tricky and the chance of infection is higher. The revision recovery is easier on the patient, the surgery is harder on the surgeon. I will be on the first plane back to my surgeon if I need a revision because I cannot imagine life without a working implant.

Here is an analogy regarding how an implant can be like a cool sports car:

Just like the car, the implant will last 8 to 15 years.

Just like the car, the cost is around 30 grand.

Just like the car, it will be clear at the expiration point, whether you should re-up for another sports-car, or hang it up and pursue gardening, music, and art

Chapter39 : Choosing a surgeon -- the most important factor in determining your outcome

There is a thread on the franktalk site named " surgeon reviews " . Go ahead and search for that thread and you will get the opinions on who to go to.

There are some names that seem to come up, over and over again, and I suspect that there are perhaps ten surgeons others throughout the country who true masters of the penile implant surgery.

My operation was covered by insurance, but coverage is quite variable since many insurance carriers view the implant as an elective procedure that is not life saving. Thus, just like plastic surgery on the face or breasts, the penile implant might not be covered by your particular plan. For that common situation, my surgeon does have a cash price which is somewhere in the \$30,000 range. In my opinion, that price is reasonable when compared to things such as work done by a plastic surgeon for a face lift or tummy tuck. And with regards to the sticker shock of 30 grand, I would ask you: "what would you rather have, a new Toyota or an awesome Bionic Dick ?"

There are two things that are important in selecting and finding your surgeon. First, the surgeon should be high volume (more than fifty cases per year). Second, the

surgeon should be able to provide you with a contact list of patients who provide a testimonial regarding their great result. Any man who is really happy with their implant function and surgical experience will be willing to share their thoughts with you. Those men who are thrilled with their implant feel a need to "trumpet to the world how great their surgeon is." You need to see that sort of enthusiasm when you vet your proposed surgeon.

Here on franktalk, I think that many board members have been criticized for acting like an infomercial for their surgeon. I have tried to avoid the temptation of acting too one-sided in support for one surgeon over another; though that has been difficult since my outcome was truly spectacular.

I am a very savvy customer of medical care. I know a great deal about doctors and hospitals. Pasted below is my surgeon review for my surgeon Dr J Francois Eid in New York City;

MY PATIENT TESTIMONIAL: (I wrote this in May 2017)

"....A while ago, I was sitting in this office in the same position as you. I am writing this letter to help by sharing some of my thoughts and personal experiences as an implant patient.

As background, I am a very savvy consumer of medical care. I know a lot about doctors and hospitals. I extensively researched the implant procedure and implant surgeons for several months before scheduling my surgery. This included consultations with a number of talented surgeons on both the east and west coasts. It became clear to me that Dr. Eid is the "King" of implant surgeons. With over 5000 implant operations, he has all the experience to expertly perform this surgery. I traveled 6 hours by plane from California twice. The first time was to undergo the pre-surgical testing and to fully assess Dr. Eid. I was quite impressed by his technical ability and by his skilled approach to meticulous pre-op care, operative care, and postoperative care. I was impressed by his adaptation of a no-touch surgery technique that minimizes the chance of infection. His office staff is solidly experienced with implant patients, and they will be a helpful resource to you. The hospitals where he practices are first rate New York City institutions.

Personally, I am extremely pleased with my implant. His expert use of the No-Touch Technique is unique. I healed extremely quickly with great results. My pump is perfectly positioned in a spot behind my testicles where it can't be seen or felt during lovemaking, but yet it is easily accessible to my trained hands. No tubes are palpable, the cylinders are totally smooth, and they are perfectly sized. It is this "cosmetic implant result" that has made me a particularly happy patient.

If you are a serious candidate for surgery, then you will receive a list of 50 patients with implants. I called many of them and learned how delighted they were with their implant and with their surgical outcome. This can be a useful resource to you as you work through the emotional turmoil of taking the "nuclear option" of allowing an implant to be installed; it is like having a support network of men who have gone through exactly what you are facing.

Penile implant surgery is not for the faint of heart. Personally, I sailed through the surgery, and I returned to work two weeks after surgery. The surgery gave me back my manhood, and it is true that I am now completely cured of any erectile dysfunction. With my identity and manhood restored, my general outlook on life has greatly improved.

I had the luxury and resources to find and chose the best implant surgeon in the world. Today, I am a happier person with a restored feeling of "Joie de vivre".

I wish you all of the best of luck.

chapter40 : Closing remarks -- some quotes to consider.

I hope this long pamphlet has been helpful. I spent the time on this work in an attempt to "give back" to those fellow patients who helped me get through these stressful times. We all ask face similar issues with similar questions, so I compiled this pamphlet summarizing my opinions. Now that I am safe, and happy, and on the other side, life is better since I feel "free" to once again dwell on the usual items that touch and adjust the course of my life.

To sum things up, in closing, consider the following quotes:

When deciding if the risk and pain are worth it to you:
"It is a matter of 'How Bad Do You Want It' ?" (by LMCatman)

When mustering up the courage to do the surgery:
"Don't be a coward. Hold your head up high and walk into that operating room standing tall and courageous ready to face-off with that beast named 'Erectile Dysfunction' like a valiant gladiator." (by me, TANGERINE)

When evaluating whether this will help your sex life or marriage or relationship:
"You get the implant for you, NOT because you think it will please someone else" (By Dr. Eid)

When determining if you have the psyche makeup to benefit from this:
"For me, a primary feature of my self identity has been to be sexually active, in as excellent and prodigious way possible. Without the option of sex, life for me became ho-humm and I felt like a 'walking stiff' just going through the motions of life; and that is why I decided to go for the implant. Yup, it was scary, but without sex, life is....dull" (by me, TANGERINE)

and finally, always remember:
"Good things happen when you go for it !" (quote by Alan Webb)

I wish you all the best of luck. I hope this helps you.

Godspeed.

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