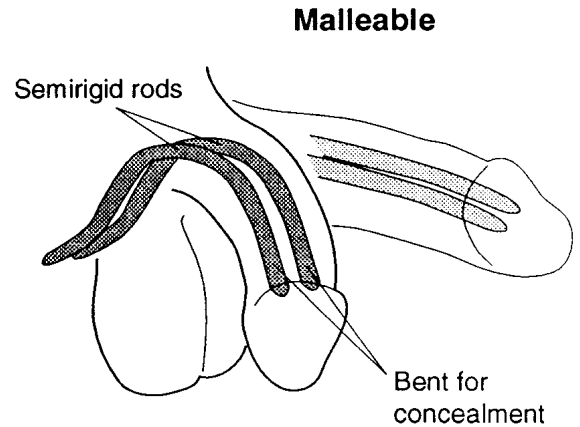


Treatment for Impotence: Penile Implant

Erectile dysfunction (ED) is a problem that makes sexual intercourse difficult because the penis fails to become erect or stay erect. There are surgical and non-surgical treatments for ED. You, your partner and your doctor have decided to try a surgical method, a penile implant, to treat your impotence. There are several different types of implants.

Malleable Implant

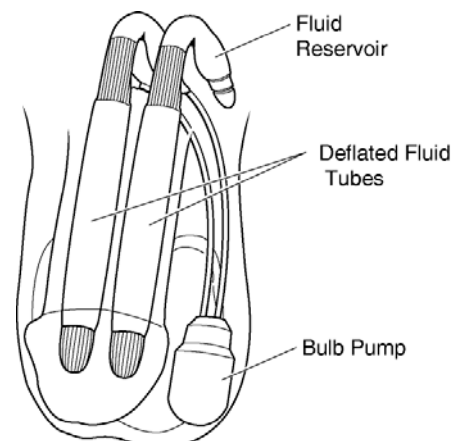
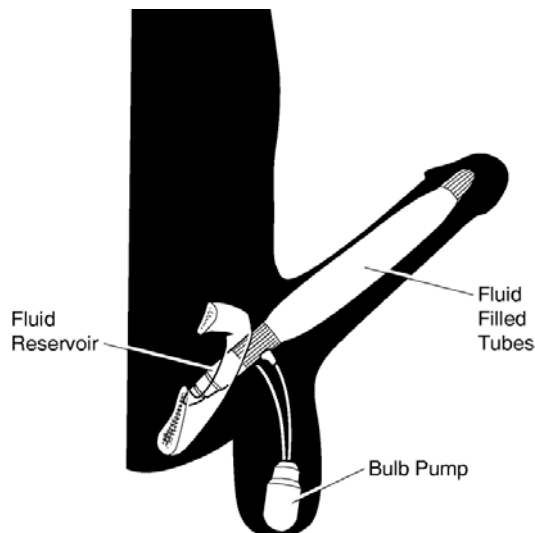
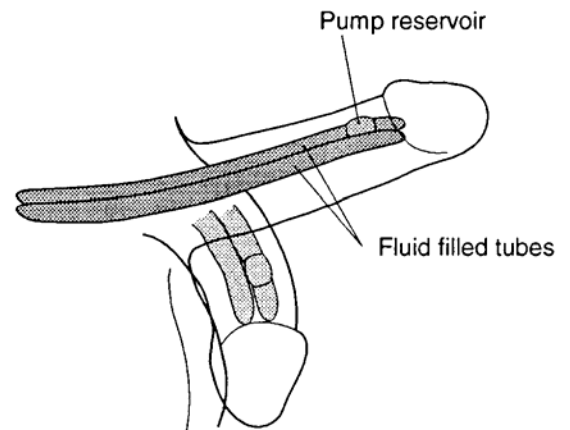
The malleable implant is placed in surgery using general anesthesia. Two semirigid rods are put inside the penis and it is always ready to be used. The malleable implant can be bent, so it is easier to hide when you do not want to use it.



Two-piece Inflation Implant

The two-piece inflatable implant uses two fluid filled tubes. These fluid filled tubes are put inside the penis and a small bulb is placed inside your scrotum (sac). This pump bulb is pressed to inflate your implant. To deflate the erection, bend the penis down for 10 seconds or until your penis is no longer hard. This implant is put in during surgery while you are under general anesthesia. This implant is more costly.

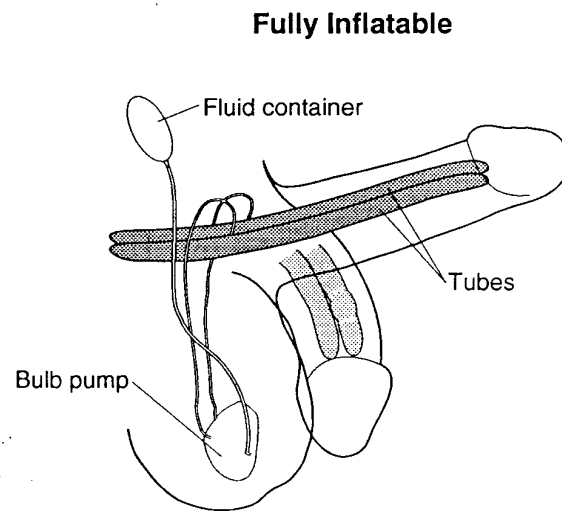
Two-Piece Inflation



Three-piece Inflatable Implant

The three-piece inflated implant is most like a normal erection. Unlike the other two implants these self-contained units do not increase the width or girth of the penis. This implant will cost more than the other types. The fluid filled tubes are put inside the penis. The container holding the fluid is placed in the groin area, while the bulb with the pump is put in your scrotum (sac).

To have an erection, the bulb in the scrotum is pumped. This moves the fluid from the container in the groin to the tubes in your penis. To lose the erection, squeeze the bulb till your penis is no longer hard. The fluid will move back to the groin area. This implant is put in during surgery, while you are under general anesthesia.



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