

# Cardiac Loop Recorder Information Sheet

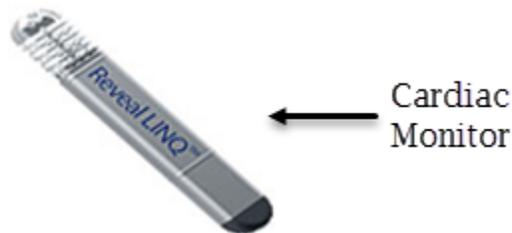
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## What is a Cardiac Loop Recorder?

A cardiac loop recorder, is a small insertable device that continuously monitors your heart's electrical activity and records it either automatically or when you use a hand-held Patient Assistant. It is also referred to as an insertable loop recorder (ILR).

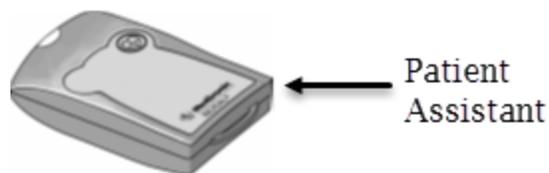
You have been implanted with a Medtronic Reveal LINQ insertable Cardiac Monitoring System.

This system will help you and your doctor diagnose and treat irregular heartbeats.



## What is a Patient Assistant?

A Patient Assistant is a small, handheld device about the size of a pager. You need to carry your Patient Assistant with you at all times so that you can use it if you experience symptoms such as palpitations, dizziness, or fainting.



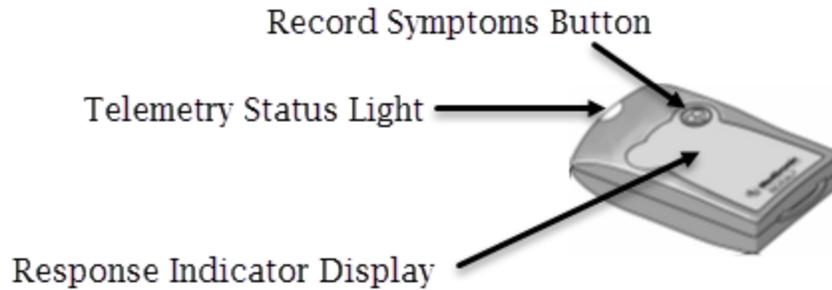


Figure 1.0

### How do I use the Patient Assistant?

Follow these instructions if you have symptoms:

- 1) Press and release the **Record Symptoms button**. You should hear a beep and see the **Telemetry Status light** flashing green. (See Figure 1.0)
- 2) While the Telemetry Status light is flashing, hold the Patient Assistant up to your cardiac monitor, holding the side with the button away from you.
  - The Telemetry Status light will change from a flashing to a solid light and you will hear a long beep.
- 3) Quickly look at the **Response Indicator Display** area to see if one or both indicators are lit. An indicator stays lit for only a few seconds.

(See Figure 1.0)

- a.  Indicates a successfully recorded heart rhythm in the cardiac monitor memory.
  - b.  Indicates the Patient Assistant batteries are low and must be replaced. Refer to your Medtronic Reveal LINQ Patient Manual for instructions.
- 4) Keep a list of your activity and symptoms to review with your health care worker.

## When will I have a follow-up visit in the Device Clinic?

- We will see you in the Device Clinic one week after you receive your LINQ monitor by a Device Nurse for a wound check.
- The Device Technicians will give your Carelink Patient Monitor. This device allows you to transmit data from home.
- The Technician will instruct you on how to use the monitor and give you a transmission schedule.
- Your implanting doctor's Clinical Care Coordinator will review your Carelink transmissions.



## How do I contact Medtronic?

- To speak directly with a Patient Services Specialist, call 1(800) 551-5544
- Staff is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM (Central Time).
- Website information is available 24 hours a day.
  - Medtronic website: [www.medtronic.com](http://www.medtronic.com)
  - Patient Services website: [www.medtronic.com/rhythms](http://www.medtronic.com/rhythms)

## Who are the members of my Care Team?

As a patient, it is important to know the members of your care team. We have provided a list of people you may have contact with prior to, during or after your device implantation.

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