

Are you considering Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS)?



Ask Your Doctor If MRI-Guided DBS Lead Placement with ClearPoint Is Right For You

An Educational Guide for Patients and Caregivers

What is MRI-Guided DBS with ClearPoint?

It is an option for having DBS surgery in which your surgeon may have you placed 'asleep' under general anesthesia instead of being awake.

The surgeon uses a series of MRI scans for guidance to the intended target in the brain. If you have anxiety about an awake procedure, your surgeon may decide MRI-guidance is appropriate for you.

How common is MRI-Guided DBS Lead Placement?

- »» *First case performed over ten years ago in 2010*
- »» *3,000+ patients treated to date*
- »» *Now available at 45+ centers in the United States*



How is MRI-Guided DBS Lead Placement Done?

- »» The patient is prepared for surgery and may be placed under general anesthesia.
- »» The surgeon plans the trajectory using a series of MRI scans.
- »» A special set of hardware and software enable your surgeon to place the DBS lead.
- »» After the procedure is done, if under general anesthesia, the patient is awakened and taken to recovery.

Bring a Friend or Family Member

Consider bringing a friend or family member to your doctor appointments to help you take notes and process the information provided by your doctor.



Ask your doctor about DBS support groups if you would like to hear from other people who have experienced DBS therapy.





If you qualify for DBS therapy,
ask your doctor about the
MRI-guided method.



Are There Any Risks to Consider?

While MRI-Guided DBS procedures can offer benefits, all forms of surgeries performed in the brain can pose serious risks. These risks include infection, excessive bleeding, adverse reactions to anesthesia, severe brain injury, or death. It is important to discuss the risks of pursuing treatment with your physician to understand how they may impact your personal therapy decision.

An MRI-Guided DBS procedure is not for everyone. You may need to meet certain medical guidelines which will be assessed by your physician. You will likely have a screening process to see if MRI-guided DBS is right for you.

MRI-Guided DBS is an advanced technology that is not available to all care centers and requires approval from your insurance to cover the expense. Check with your health insurance plan or your regional Medicare or Medicaid office to find out if your policy covers this procedure.

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