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Electrical Stimulation

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In view of recent publications in the British Medical Journal [1] and the British Journal of Urology [2] I must add a few words. These articles were in my view very misleading as it was difficult to differentiate between implants and other methods of stimulation. The statements that the success rate was 40% or less did not tally even with the figures produced by the authors in the second paper. It was not pointed out that implants have only been made as a side-line to cardiac pacemakers until recently and that the commercial ones produced before have had a relatively high failure rate. There is not enough differentiation between bladder stimulators which were designed to empty the bladders and implant stimulators to control incontinence. In the Exeter figures the success rate has been between 70 and 80%.

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