



DOT Medical Clearance Request

Cardiac Pacemaker Implantation

In accordance with Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) guidelines, we respectfully request your professional opinion regarding this driver's ability to safely operate a commercial vehicle given their history of **Cardiac Pacemaker Implantation**. The medical examiner will use your clinical input to determine whether this driver's condition and treatment are unlikely to interfere with the ability to safely operate a commercial motor vehicle.

PATIENT NAME	DATE OF BIRTH

FMCSA Guidelines — Cardiac Pacemaker Implantation

Note: Under the 2024 FMCSA Handbook, a pacemaker is considered a remedial procedure and does not automatically preclude certification. Certification is evaluated based on the underlying disease responsible for the pacemaker indication and whether the device is functioning properly. An ICD or ICD/pacemaker combination device remains disqualifying regardless of the underlying condition.

For certification, please confirm:

- **Device type:** pacemaker only — confirm this is NOT an ICD or ICD/pacemaker combination device
- **Underlying indication:** sinus node dysfunction, AV block, or other indication and its long-term prognosis
- Driver is currently asymptomatic — no syncope, near-syncope, bradycardia, palpitations, weakness, or excessive fatigue
- Pacemaker is functioning properly with no signs of device malfunction or lead complications
- Treatment has been shown to be adequate, effective, safe, and stable
- **Waiting period completed based on underlying disease:** minimum 1 month post-implantation for sinus node dysfunction or AV block — minimum 3 months for hypersensitive carotid sinus with syncope

The following are disqualifying:

- ICD or ICD/pacemaker combination device — disqualifying regardless of underlying condition
- Any symptoms of pacemaker malfunction — syncope, near-syncope, consistent bradycardia, alternating bradycardia and tachycardia, or unexplained weakness and fatigue
- Less than minimum waiting period completed post-implantation based on underlying disease
- Underlying disease is independently disqualifying regardless of pacemaker function
- Evidence of lead complications, device infection, or failed pacemaker capture on interrogation

Commercial Driver Physical Demands

Commercial motor vehicle operation places substantial physical demands on drivers that extend well beyond the act of driving. Drivers are routinely required to load and unload cargo, couple and uncouple trailers requiring full range of motion to climb, grip, and pull, lift and install tire chains weighing between 35 and 90 pounds, and tarp open trailers requiring lifting motions of 50 to 100 pounds — often after extended periods of sitting without a stretching period. In addition to these labor demands, drivers must maintain sustained perceptual alertness, control an oversized steering wheel, operate manual transmissions, maneuver large vehicles in confined spaces, and safely enter and exit the cab, which is physically comparable to climbing a ladder. These combined physical and cognitive demands should be carefully considered when determining this driver's fitness for commercial driving duties.



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Provider Certification

- ☐ **CLEARED** — The driver meets the above requirements and in my clinical opinion is medically cleared to safely operate a commercial motor vehicle.
- ☐ **NOT CLEARED** — The driver does not meet the above requirements and in my clinical opinion cannot safely operate a commercial motor vehicle at this time.
- ☐ **CLEARED WITH DISCRETION** — The driver does not meet one or more guidelines; however, in my clinical opinion the driver is safe to operate a commercial motor vehicle for the following reason(s):

PROVIDER NAME (PRINT)

SPECIALTY / TITLE

DATE

PROVIDER SIGNATURE

ADDRESS (CITY, STATE, ZIP)

PHONE / FAX

This form must be completed and signed prior to the scheduled examination date. A physician office stamp is strongly recommended to validate the authenticity of this document. Incomplete or unstamped forms may delay the certification process. Thank you for your cooperation in supporting the safe operation of commercial motor vehicles on our nation's roadways. [RoadReadyMed.com](https://www.RoadReadyMed.com)