

Southampton hospital saved my life!

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Late one evening, in October 1990, chest pains overtook me and I was taken to the ER at Southampton hospital. Paddles were used on me as I was in cardiac arrest. Once stabilized, a doctor and nurse accompanied me in the ambulance ride to Owen Sound for additional care and monitoring. I am forever grateful to the medical teams who saved my life that night.

Since that first frightening evening, I have had 2 incidents that have brought me to this ER. In June 2004, paddles were again necessary as my heart was beating at an excessive rate. Medications did not slow my heart rate down. Thanks to the ER doctor that night, who used Cardiac Electric Paddle Intervention, I awoke to a regular heart rate. In August 2004, I was sent to London for an ICD (Implanted Cardioversion Defibrillator) - a fancy type of pacemaker.

In February 2007, again I was admitted to the Southampton ER in the late evening with chest pains. My heart rate was rapid and no pulse was detected. Medications were given intravenously to normalize my heart rate.

Peace of mind is given to patients and their families in knowing that everyone will receive the best care, close to home at Southampton hospital.

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- Anonymous