

Medical technology is vital to British patients and the British economy

- In 2008 implantable cardioverter-defibrillator (ICDs) were implanted in Germany at over **THREE TIMES** the UK rate (Source – Eucomed)
- The UK has lower levels of pacemaker use than **EVERY COUNTRY IN WESTERN EUROPE** except Norway and Ireland (Source – Eucomed)
- The medical technology industry employs around **60,000** people in the UK (Source – Eucomed)
- Around **€3.8bn** is spent on medical technology research and development in Europe each year (Source – Eucomed)
- The UK earns around **€5.6bn** from medical technology exports each year (Source – Eucomed)
- The sector is made up of around **2,000** companies in the UK, mainly SMEs (Source – ABHI)
- Minimally invasive surgical techniques can allow patients to leave hospital **less than 24 hours** after a hip replacement (Source – Zimmer)
- Only **one third** of patients with fibroids think they have received adequate information on their condition. In a recent survey **NO** patients were told about Uterine Fibroid Embolisation, one of the most successful treatments (Source – FEMISA)

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