

Medical devices are all around you

SO, WHAT DO THESE ALL HAVE IN COMMON?

Pacemaker MRI Scanner Contact Lens Crutch

THEY'RE ALL **MEDICAL DEVICES**. SOME HIGH-TECH, SOME NOT SO HIGH-TECH, BUT ALL MEDICAL DEVICES NONETHELESS.

THERE ARE AROUND **1.5 MILLION** DIFFERENT MEDICAL DEVICES IN USE IN THE WORLD TODAY.

WE KNOW ALL ABOUT THE HI-TECH DEVICES USED IN HOSPITALS THAT DO AMAZING WORK EVERY DAY.

Ventilator Defibrillator Incubator Coronary Stent

NOT JUST IN HOSPITALS, WE'RE SURROUNDED BY MEDICAL DEVICES EVEN IF WE DON'T CALL THEM THAT.

ALL THESE ARE MEDICAL DEVICES - EVEN MY GRAN'S DENTURES!

Thermometer Hearing Aid Dentures Dental Braces Orthotics

HERE AT THE **IRISH MEDICINES BOARD**, IT'S OUR JOB TO MONITOR THE SAFETY OF ALL THE MEDICAL DEVICES USED IN IRELAND.

THAT'S WHERE THE **CE** MARK COMES IN. YOU'LL FIND THIS MARK ON MEDICAL DEVICES AND LOTS OF OTHER THINGS AS WELL.

WHEN YOU FIND A **CE** MARKING, IT MEANS THAT THE DEVICE, WHEN USED PROPERLY, SHOULD WORK WELL AND BE SAFE.



IRISH MEDICINES BOARD

All about the Irish Medicines Board



The Irish Medicines Board's role is to protect and enhance public and animal health through the regulation of medicines, medical devices and healthcare products.

What does the IMB do?

- We licence companies to make, to distribute and to market safe, effective and good quality medicines in Ireland;
- We continuously monitor medicines, medical devices and cosmetics and respond quickly to any safety concerns;
- We inspect companies which test, make and distribute medicines to ensure that they follow good practices.

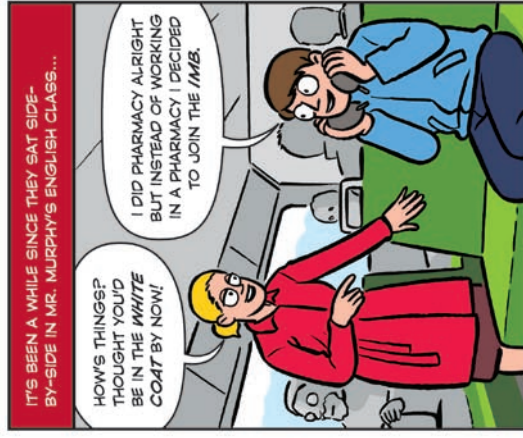
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