

SPEND MEND

5 Key Guidelines When Deciding If an Explant Should Be Entered Into the SpendMend MDx Portal

1. Was there failure or malfunction?

- Are we replacing the battery, generator, or the implant device due to failure or depletion...yes.
- Device failed due to infection i.e., a septic knee...voids warranty but still put in the portal so you have record for the OIG as to why there is no warranty.

2. Are we replacing the item with something else?

- If you are, then it's always YES!
- If the procedure is removing plates and screws because they are no longer medically necessary...No
- If the procedure is to remove and replace a breast implant due to leakage or rupture...yes.
- Is it a no cost replacement...yes enter for OIG tracking but no warranty is due.

3. Is the patient's morbidity worse or not improving requiring a change of the device?

- Cochlear implant change as hearing is not improving or suddenly worse....yes.

4. Was the device placed less than 12 years ago?

- Warranties vary but this is a good rule of thumb.

5. Is this device part of a known recall?

- This is the hardest one as the procedure/surgery team may have no idea...but know we will always look at every device entered for this.

Explant Golden Rule

When in doubt it is always best to enter... let the system and the team at SpendMend evaluate if it needs to be returned for warranty.