

TINY PACEMAKER -- Nova II, the world's smallest heart pacemaker, fits inside a tablespoon and weighs about 23 grams. Developed by Intermedics Inc. of Freeport, Texas, the device has the microprocessing power of an advanced personal computer. The single-chamber pacemaker is designed for use in the upper or lower chamber of the heart and is capable of hundreds of millions of different pacing prescriptions. Pacemakers are used to regulate the heart beat with tiny electric impulses in persons with certain heart diseases.

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