

Sticking Points:



COMMON CONCERNS SEEN BY EMSQA

The donut magnet is *only* used to disable an Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator (ICD)

Use the Donut Magnet to disable an ICD when:

1. There have been 3 or more distinct ICD shocks AND there is an obvious device *malfunction* with at least one EMS witnessed inappropriate shock

OR

2. A patient has been TOR'd and the ICD is still firing

DO NOT use the Donut Magnet to:

- Disable a patient's pacemaker – that's not what its for
- Disable a properly functioning ICD – for example, when the patient is in a shockable rhythm – even if you are resuscitating the patient



*The ICD has wires directly into the heart and is possibly more effective than quik-combo pads where electricity must traverse the entire chest wall. Continue your resuscitation as normal, delivering shocks via your defibrillator but **allow the ICD to function as well.***