

VACUUM ERECTION DEVICES (VED)

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As far as I know, these VEDs come with a video. These are just a few of the more well known. When purchased from a medical equipment store with a prescription, I believe that Medicare will cover the cost. The medical equipment store should know.

The following are manual pumps and medical/professional grade instruments. You can also purchase VEDs from the internet and at sex shops that cost less (\$125-\$150) but are of lesser quality than the medical grade instruments and may not include tension rings. The below are just a few brands and to review more, go to the internet and in the search box type in “Vacuum Erection Devices.” That search will likely lead to articles regarding the below VEDs as well as many others. If I am forwarding this information to you, I have likely also forwarded separately another attachment that describes instructions for appropriate use of Vacuum Erection Devices. If you haven't received that attachment, please email me (maack1@cox.net) to request.

AllegraMedical's Erecaid ESTEEM. Good ergonomic design; large enough for the king sized among us; re-useable tension rings only; \$475. (Internet price \$403).
<http://tinyurl.com/37b6mm>

Augusta SOMAERECT. Has both one use- and multi-use rings; the one-use rings make removal after use less painful because the user breaks a temporary joint that would otherwise retain the clamping mechanism around the penis; the design is not as ergonomically appealing - the pump handle is more flimsy looking. Not rated as highly as the ESTEEM. \$475. (Internet price \$495 - \$548 for different models). <http://www.augustams.com/touch.cfm>.

Bonro VACURECT. This is the most compact and the best of the three designs. Instead of a lever protruding from the side of the plastic housing that is used as a pump, with this VED one creates a vacuum by moving a sleeve up and down the cylinder in which one's penis is placed. This is a more elegant design. Occasionally, one would have to add a little lubricant to a couple of easily accessible holes to assure that this sleeve continues to move freely around the cylinder. Another key difference is the ring mechanism. With the other designs, the rings are snapped into place around the base of the penis adjacent to our fat pad. For some men, this snapping action is shocking. With the VACURECT, the flaccid penis is inserted into the ring which doubles as the seal at the base of the VED. Ten rings of different sizes are provided. All one does after sufficient erection is achieved is to pry off this seal/ring from the bottom of the VED. There is no 'snapping' action to withstand. For the several reasons indicated, this is the preferred VED. \$460. (Internet price \$160).

<http://www.fitzz.com/Vacurect-OTC-Penis-Pump-P952C90.aspx>

Disclaimer: Please recognize that I am not a Medical Doctor. I have been an avid student researching and studying prostate cancer as a survivor and continuing patient since 1992. **The comments or recommendations I make are not intended to be the procedure for you to now follow; rather, they are to be reviewed along with the comments or recommendations of others for your own further research, study, and discussion with the physician providing your prostate cancer care to come to your own, personal conclusion.**