

TSA screening is an understandable concern for travelers with an internal medical device. Based on patient experiences and TSA guidelines, here is what you can expect with a Coloplast Titan penile implant and TSA screening:

TSA Screening with a Penile Implant

The experience is generally manageable and professional, but it is highly recommended to be proactive and communicate with the TSA officer.

1. Will it Set Off the Metal Detector?

- Walk-Through Metal Detector (WTMD): The Coloplast Titan is an inflatable penile implant, and these types generally have minimal metal parts. For many people, it will not set off the traditional walk-through metal detector. However, some implants may still alarm, so be prepared for that possibility.
- Advanced Imaging Technology (AIT/Full-Body Scanner): This scanner is the most common primary screening method now. The implant may show up as an anomaly on the scan.

2. Recommended Procedure for a Smoother Experience

The key to a smooth screening is to inform the TSA officer before the screening process begins.

- Inform the Officer: As you approach the checkpoint, simply state, "I have an internal medical device, a penile implant."
- Present Documentation (Optional but Recommended): You should have received a Patient ID Card from Coloplast. While TSA does not require a medical ID card to screen you, presenting it can help the officer understand the nature and location of the implant discreetly.
- Secondary Screening: If the scanner alarms (or if you choose to bypass the scanner/metal detector), you will require secondary screening. TSA officers are trained to handle this with discretion.
 - Hand Wand or Pat-Down: If the implant alarms the scanner, the officer will likely use a hand-held wand or conduct a targeted pat-down on the area.
 - Private Screening: You have the right to request a private screening with a witness or a companion present (your choice). This can be done in a separate room for maximum privacy.

3. Key Takeaways for a Non-Interrogative Experience

- Communication is Helpful: Informing the officer beforehand reduces suspicion and facilitates their standard procedure for internal medical devices.
- Discretion is Standard: TSA officers are trained to be sensitive to medical conditions and privacy. They deal with various implants (hips, knees, pacemakers) every day.
- The Implant is Safe: The Titan implant is safe for standard airport security screening, including X-ray machines and advanced imaging technology.

In short, the process involves an extra step of communication and a potential secondary screening, but it should be handled respectfully and is a routine part of travel for many people with internal medical devices.