

CODE: T3200 E9510

ID NOS: N/A

DIAGNOSIS: HEART – PACEMAKER.

CLINICAL HISTORY: None available. Cardiac pacemaker retrieved at post-mortem.

COMMENT: The Australian company “TELETRONICS” developed and manufactured cardiac pacemakers from the mid 1960s.

REF: <https://collection.maas.museum/object/332003>

“Cardiac pacemakers are small, implantable devices that apply regular, minute electrical impulses to the muscles of the heart. They produce and maintain a normal heart rate in patients who have a condition called ‘heart block’, which means that their natural pacemaker (the sinoatrial node) is not functioning properly. As a result the pumping action of their heart is slowed down. This can lead to temporary loss of consciousness, or heart failure and death. Since heart pacemakers were first developed in the 1950s, they have saved the life of many people around the world.”

