When a man has erectile dysfunction (ED), he cannot achieve or maintain a firm erection. ED is also called "impotence." About one in every ten men has ED or some degree of impotence.

Most ED has a physical cause. The treatment of diseases such as diabetes or prostrate cancer, physical injury, and the side effects of drugs can reduce or prevent blood flow and nerve impulses to the penis. Only about 10% of impotence has a psychological cause.

Almost all ED can be treated. Most treatments involve improving blood flow to the penis. Among them is the vacuum erection device.

**How a vacuum erection device works**

The device has three main parts:

- A plastic cylinder that the man places his penis into.
- A pump that draws air from the cylinder and creates a vacuum. The pump may be hand or battery operated. Reduced air pressure within the cylinder allows increased blood flow to the penis, causing an erection.
- One or more tension rings. These rings are placed on the base of the penis after vacuum erection is created. They help maintain the erection by reducing blood flow out of the penis.

A vacuum erection device will generate an erection that lasts for up to 30 minutes aided by the tension ring.

**Who should use a vacuum erection device?**

A vacuum erection device can be an alternative for the 30-40% of men who commonly fail with Viagra®.

Men who have tried penile injection therapy or suppositories without success, or find these treatments painful or difficult, also are candidates.
The best treatment for erectile dysfunction, however, depends on many things. These include a man's health and personal and physical tolerance for the treatment. Work with your doctor (usually a urologist specializing in the treatment of ED) and your partner to determine the best treatment.

Who should not use a vacuum device?

A vacuum erection device may not be the best treatment for men with sickle cell anemia, leukemia or blood clotting problems.

Some men who experience curvature of the penis (Peyronie’s Disease) may have difficulty using a vacuum erection device, or may even experience pain with this treatment.

Also, using a vacuum erection device requires some manual dexterity and average hand strength.

Effectiveness of the vacuum erection device

Various studies and surveys show that vacuum erection devices can be an effective ED therapy. Some report high satisfaction rates. Sexual partners also appear to be satisfied.

While vacuum erection devices are effective at producing an erection, for some they have a significant drawback: the device may dampen or extinguish sexual spontaneity. Maintaining the "mood" can be difficult as the pump does its work.

Vacuum therapy has the fewest reported injuries of physical ED therapies.

Advantages of the vacuum erection device

- A vacuum erection device is a non-surgical treatment.
- A vacuum erection device is economical. The cost is approximately $100-450.
- No prescription is needed unless the man applies for medical reimbursement.
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