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Challenges and advancement of battery technology for medical device applications

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..variety of power source needs

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Power source needs & requirements



- Safety / Predictability / Reliability
- Mechanical / Materials compatibility
- Patient experience / Business & regulatory goals

Foundational Attributes

Examples of Current Applications

ICDs & CRT-Ds





Pacing and Defibrillation Uses primary cell devices



Neurostimulators



Deep brain, spinal cord stimulation Uses Primary or Rechargeable cell devices





Energy & power needs Emerging trends





Examples of Emerging Applications

Reveal / LinQ Diagnostic

- Diagnose arrythmias
 - Unexplained syncope
 - Palpitations
 - Atrial fibrillation
 - Cryptogenic stroke
- Gather & automatically transmit signals
- Minimally invasive procedure
- Advanced sensors & algorithms
- Distance telemetry



Micra Transcatheter pacemaker

- Pacemaker in RV
- In Clinical in US

- Single chamber
- No lead
- Reduced risk of infections
- 1/10th size of conventional pacemaker
- Therapy tailored to patient activity
- Minimally invasive procedure
- Estimated 10 year longevity







Power source – Technology trends

System-level packaging solutions (internal or external to battery)

Examples: Apple contoured battery cells Offer limited gains in already optimized systems

Increased energy density: newer chemistries beyond lithium

Examples: Mg ion, Al ion, Li air or Li sulfur Need discovery to get to stable, reliable systems

Increased power density: 3D structures

Examples: 3D interdigitated structure, solid state, etc. Significant design, manufacturability, materials challenges

Autonomous power sources

Example: Piezoelectrics, thermoelectrics, etc. Need high power density to be viable

Wireless power transfer

Example: Resonant coupling inductive power Power Transfer efficiency & significant infrastructure reqts.



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Summary

- Increased energy & power density are perpetual needs
- Batteries are an excellent solution & continue to improve
- Rechargeable Li ion have proven their longevity
- Need to understand longevity of other system components
- Near term gains from better system integration both mechanical & electrical
- Longer term several compelling technologies on the horizon



Alleviating Pain, Restoring Health, Extending Life

