

MEDICAL IMPLANTS TRENDING YOUNGER

From 2000 to 2010, the percentage of medical devices — hips, knees, pacemakers and defibrillators — going into middle aged and younger patients has grown dramatically.

Source: Agency of Health Research and Quality, U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, data on hospital discharges.

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Percent increase from 2000 to 2010 in medical device procedures by age group:

