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CBs and pacemakers

The federal government is investigating possible adverse effects of citizens band radio (CB) transmission on pacemakers.

In three cases thus far, according to a report in THE NIGHTINGALE, the official journal of the National Association of Physicians' Nurses, CB broadcasts have interfered with the normal operation of the pacemaker. One patient, a 57-year-old woman, claims that she feels dizzy and faint whenever a neighbor three blocks away uses his CB. Another pacemaker patient finds that nearby CB transmission causes an acceleration of her heart rate.

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"The electromagnetic signals from the CBs may 'mislead' pacemakers," speculates the Federal Communications Commission.

So, on guard, Good Buddies....

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