

Discharge Instructions: Aspiration Drainage Catheter (Chest/Abdomen)

What to Expect

- Slight pain/soreness at the site
- Slight bloody drainage at the site
- Low-grade fever (99°F-100°F or 37.2°C – 37.7°C)

You Can...

- restart your medications right away (hold blood thinners for 24 hours, this includes aspirin and ibuprofen/Advil®)
- You can take acetaminophen (Tylenol®) or other prescribed pain medications
- You can change the dressing and drain the fluid as instructed by the doctor
- You can see the patient guide included in your patient information kit for instructions about changing your dressing, draining fluid, and showering

Restrictions

- Do not drive or drink alcohol for 24 hours
- Do not perform strenuous activity or lift anything heavier than 10 pounds for 24 hours
- Do not take blood thinners for 24 hours (including aspirin and ibuprofen)

Call Us If ...

- Call us if you have any signs of infection at the site after the first few days such as redness, pain (not relieved by pain medications), or pus-like drainage
- Call us if you have a fever over **100.4 °F (38°C)** with chills that lasts more than 24 hours
- Call us if you have excessive bleeding at the site
- Call us if you notice the drain is pulled back or dislodged

Special Procedures/2 West: Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Phone: 716-845-5978

After hours, call Roswell Park main number (24/7): 716-845-2300

If you feel you are in a life-threatening situation (chest pain, difficulty breathing, heavy bleeding), call 911 or go to the nearest hospital emergency department.