

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 all your medications (except blood thinners)
- take acetaminophen (Tylenol®) or other prescribed pain medications
- change the dressing and drain the fluid as instructed by the doctor
- 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
- perform strenuous activity or lift anything heavier than 10 pounds for 24 hours
- take blood thinners for 24 hours (including aspirin and ibuprofen)

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
- you have a fever over 100.4 °F (38°C) with chills that lasts more than 24 hours
- you have excessive bleeding at the site
- you notice the drain is pulled back or dislodged

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