

Discharge Instructions: IVC Filter Placement/Removal

What to Expect

- Slight pain/soreness at the site
- Slight bloody drainage at the site
- Low-grade fever of 99°-100°F (32.7°- 37.7°C)

You Can...

- restart your medications right away (hold blood thinners for 24 hours, this includes aspirin and ibuprofen/Advil®)
- take acetaminophen (Tylenol®) or other prescribed pain medications
- remove band aid/dressing in 24 hours
- shower after you've removed the band aid/dressing

Restrictions

Do NOT...

- drive or drink alcohol for 24 hours
- perform strenuous activity, or lift anything heavier than 10 pounds for 3 days

Note: While these devices can remain in place permanently, most of them can be removed if/when blood thinning medications are restarted. Please talk to your referring doctor about whether removing the filter is appropriate for you.

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
- you have a fever of **100.4° F (38° C)** or higher with chills that lasts longer than 24 hours
- you have excessive bleeding at the site

Special Procedures: Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Phone: 716-845-5992. 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.