

IMAGE-GUIDED DRAINAGE CATHETER PLACEMENT

RECORDING OUTPUT:

Empty the drainage bag and record the output. Subtract the daily flush from the output before recording. Record amount on daily log. Bring this daily log to every doctor visit so the drain can be evaluated.

DRESSING CHANGE AND SITE CARE:

Remove dressing and clean around tube with sterile Normal Saline using a cotton ball or Q-tip.

Remove all crust around site, if present.

Place clean gauze pad over tube site and secure with tape.

Do NOT bathe while drain is in place. Do not put drain directly in water.

You may shower, but MUST cover drain completely.

Change the dressing after each shower. You will want to keep the dressing dry.

ACTIVITY

You may resume your regular activities, including driving in 24 hours.

No exercising, lifting heavy objects or strenuous activity for the next 24 hours.

You may shower the following day.

PAIN MANAGEMENT

You may use over-the-counter medications such as Tylenol or Advil for minor discomfort.

If you are currently taking prescription pain medications, you may resume them as prescribed.

WHEN TO CALL YOUR PHYSICIAN

Fever and chills. Severe pain

Bleeding, redness, drainage or swelling at or around the biopsy site

If you experience any of these problems, please call your doctor or RAVE at (941)486-3491 and ask for the Interventional Radiology Department. In the case of a medical emergency call 911.