DRESSING CHANGES

- Change dressing every 1-2 days or after a shower.
- Wash your hands. Remove old dressing and clean around the tube daily with a clean washcloth, using mild liquid soap and water. Rinse well. A single use washcloth should be used to clean the site. Pat dry.
- Apply new, clean dressing, being careful to position tube so that it does not kink.

WHAT TO WATCH FOR

Call our office if any of the following occur:

Signs of infection around the tube:
- Fever > 101°F, sweating and chills.
- Abnormal foul-smelling drainage or redness around the tube.

Signs that your tube may be blocked:
- Tube stops draining
- Back pain
- Leakage of urine around the tube and onto your skin and dressing
- Pain, fever or chills (kidney infection)

If the tube falls out, it must be replaced within 12-24 hours.
- Cover the hole in the skin with gauze pads and tape.
- Call Interventional Radiology to replace tube.

ACTIVITY

- No hot tubs or swimming.
- For the first 14 days you may shower; however, before showering, cover dressing with a double layer of plastic wrap (e.g. Saran Wrap) and tape edges to skin. After shower, remove plastic wrap and change dressing.
- After the site has healed or in two weeks (whichever is later), you may shower without the dressing or plastic wrap using soap and water. Rinse well. Pat the area dry and apply a clean, dry dressing.
- You can sit in a bathtub if you prefer, however, the water level must be well below where the tube enters your skin (puncture site). At no time should the puncture site be under water as this may lead to the development of infection.
- Avoid any activity that causes a pulling sensation or pain around the tube, or kinking of the tube.

FOLLOW-UP CARE

- Tubes are usually changed every 6-8 weeks.
- If for some reason you did not receive an appointment card on discharge from the hospital, please call our office at (734) 936-4536, Option 1 to schedule your tube change.
- It has been our pleasure to participate in your care. Please feel free to call our office at anytime or page us with any questions, problems or concerns.
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Monday - Friday 8 AM - 5 PM
(734) 936-4536, Option 1

After hours and on weekends/ holidays:
(734) 946-6267. Ask for the "Interventional Radiologist on call"

IF YOU CANNOT REACH MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, SEEK CARE AT AN EMERGENCY ROOM.

TAKE THIS FORM WITH YOU.