PleurX drainage system

Associated risks

**Chest:** Potential complications of draining the pleural space include, but may not be limited to, pneumothorax, reexpansion pulmonary edema, hypotension, circulatory collapse and infection. Do not drain more than 1,000 mL of fluid from your chest at any one time.

**Abdomen:** Potential complications of draining fluid from the abdomen include, but may not be limited to, hypotension, circulatory collapse, electrolyte imbalance, protein depletion, ascites leakage, peritonitis, wound infection and loculations of the peritoneal space. Do not drain more than 2,000 mL of fluid from your abdomen at any one time.

The PleurX system helps you spend less time in a hospital room and more time in your living room.

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Comfy chair.
Comfy slippers.
Comfy alternative to yet another hospital visit.

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What is the PleurX™ system?

The PleurX drainage system lets you drain fluid at home and on your own schedule—so you can manage fluid buildup before it becomes uncomfortable. The PleurX system can help you avoid repeat visits to the doctor or hospital for drainage.

Doctors recommend the PleurX drainage system for:

**Pleural effusions**—fluid buildup around your lungs, which causes breathing difficulty.

**Malignant ascites**—fluid buildup in your abdomen, which causes abdominal pressure and discomfort.

Ask your doctor if the PleurX drainage system is right for you.

PleurX supplies are easy to order and ship directly to your home or care facility. Many insurance companies cover PleurX supplies. The PleurX drainage system is a safe, proven option that has provided relief to more than 300,000 patients since 1997.

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How does the PleurX system work?

The PleurX drainage system includes a drainage catheter and active vacuum bottles that collect fluid. The drainage catheter is inserted, typically as a simple outpatient procedure, in your chest for pleural effusions or your abdomen for malignant ascites.

When you need to drain fluid, connect the end of the drainage catheter to the drainage line on the collection bottle. Drainage usually takes 5 to 15 minutes. See the back of this brochure for risks associated with using the PleurX drainage system.

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What are patients and caregivers saying about the PleurX system?

“It’s easy. You could look like a champion. It’s very, very simple.”

E.K., PleurX patient, McHenry, IL

“It was a very simple process. The hospital staff showed it to me one time, and I knew how to do it.”

B.C., PleurX caregiver, Louisville, KY