Drainage instructions

PleurX® catheter system

Getting started
Get all drainage supplies ready and thoroughly wash your hands.

1. Open all packaging. Unfold blue wrapping. Place bottle near wrapping and lay access tip on blue wrapping.

2. Tear open alcohol pads. Lay open pouches on blue wrapping a short distance from sterile items.

3. Pick up each glove by the wrist and put both of them on.

4. Open pouch containing valve cap and let it fall onto sterile blue wrapping.

5. Squeeze clamp on drainage line completely closed and remove cover from access tip.

6. Take valve cap off catheter.

7. Clean around valve opening with first alcohol pad.

8. Insert access tip into catheter valve.

Connecting the drainage bottle
Be sure to keep the end of the catheter and access tip clean.

9. Remove support clip from top of drainage bottle and push down “T” plunger.

10. Release clamp on drainage line to begin draining.

11. Squeeze clamp on drainage line completely closed when finished draining.

Draining fluid
Do not drain more than 1000mL from your chest or 2000mL from your abdomen at any one time.

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10. Release clamp on drainage line to begin draining.

11. Squeeze clamp on drainage line completely closed when finished draining.

Final steps and disposal
If you have any questions or concerns, contact your doctor or nurse.

12. Pull access tip out of valve; set drainage line down.

13. Clean around valve opening with second alcohol pad.

14. Place new cap on catheter valve and twist it until it snaps into its locked position.

15. Clean around catheter site with third alcohol pad.

16. Place foam catheter pad around catheter and wind catheter on top of pad. Cover catheter with gauze pads.

17. Place self-adhesive dressing over gauze pads and remove plastic covering.

18. Push down “T” plunger and move plunger in a circular motion to further puncture the foil seal so fluid can be poured out.

19. Remove flexible cap and drainage line from bottle.

20. Empty bottle into toilet. Place bottle in a plastic bag, seal tightly and discard.

These instructions are to be used only as a reference. Read the Instructions for Use that come with the drainage kits and watch the drainage video for more detailed instructions.