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BD Bard-Parker™ Heimlich Chest Drain Valve

What is a Heimlich Valve?

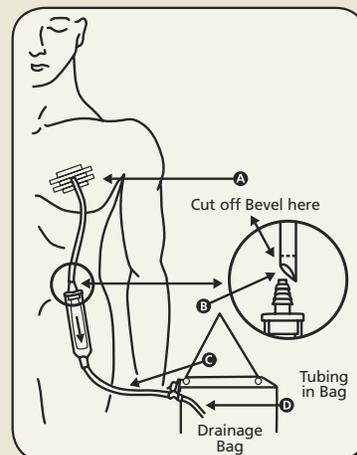
- The Heimlich Chest Drain Valve is a specially-designed flutter valve used to replace underwater bottles in chest drainage.
- Constructed of rubber tubing, the valve is compressed at one end to form leaflets that control unidirectional flow.
- The valve is encased in a transparent plastic chamber with tapered ends.
- The proximal end of the casing can be attached to most chest catheters and the distal end to tubing that empties into a plastic bag.
- If desired, the distal end can be connected to regulated suction.
- The Heimlich Chest Drain Valve is sterile and a single use device.

How is the Heimlich Valve Used?

- With the Heimlich Chest Drain Valve, the entire chest drainage assembly (consisting of chest catheter, valve, connecting tube and collection bag) can be carried on the patient.
- When connected to a chest catheter, the Heimlich Chest Drain Valve allows fluid, clots and air to flow out of the chest without reflux into the pleural cavity. Unlike underwater drainage bottles, the Heimlich Chest Drain Valve is uncomplicated, and easy to use.
- The Heimlich Chest Drain Valve functions in any position, is not restricted to use at a level below the patient's chest, as are underwater drainage bottles. With the valve, there is no need to clamp the chest catheter during transport of the patient, and complications arising from interrupted drainage are avoided.

When is the Heimlich Valve Used?

- In clinical situations such as spontaneous pneumothorax, open thoracotomy, traumatic hemopneumothorax and recurrent pleural effusion, chest drainage can be simplified with the Heimlich Chest Drain Valve.
- Because reflux is prevented by its flutter mechanism, the Heimlich Chest Drain Valve functions even in the event of a disrupted connection beyond the point at which the valve is attached to the chest catheter. This feature makes it safer for post-operative patients with chest drainage to leave the recovery room before drainage is completed and the catheter is removed.



- Thoracic Surgeons
- Emergency Room Surgeons
- Ambulance or Emergency Squads
- AIDS patients are good candidates as this valve allows them to be mobile and return home.

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