

Discharge Instructions - Tunneled Pleural Drain Insertion

You have received the following Anaesthetic that is checked ()

- Local Anesthetic** - An injection of anesthesia (freezing) to numb a small area at the site of your biopsy/procedure. It is common to feel mild or temporary numbness or tingling around the site.
- IV Sedation** - Medications given through your intravenous to relax you and decrease anxiety while you are still awake. It is common to have trouble remembering what happened during your procedure, and/or feel tired for the rest of the day. You must return home with a responsible adult who will remain with you overnight. You should not take public transit after the procedure.
With IV sedation, do not drive, use machinery or power tools or make important legal or financial decisions for the next 24 hours.

Diet

There are no diet restrictions. Avoid alcohol for 24 hours. Drink plenty of fluids for the next 24 hours.

Activity

Get plenty of rest for 24 hours after the procedure. Avoid strenuous exercise or activities that will make you short of breath. Avoid lifting objects over 5 pounds, or anything that may dislodge the drain.

Dressing

Keep your bandage dry. Replace bandage as needed if it becomes soiled or wet. If applicable, empty the drain as required. You may bathe or shower the day after your procedure, ensuring the bandage and drain are covered and remain dry. **Do NOT swim or use a Hot tub while the drain is in place.**

Medication

Avoid taking medication containing aspirin or blood thinners for 24 hours after your procedure unless otherwise directed. Take pain medication, as prescribed, or you may take Acetaminophen (Tylenol®) (if no allergy) 1 – 2 tablets every 4 – 6 hours as needed for pain, up to a maximum of 4,000 mg in 24 hours. You may take your next pain medication at: _____.

Follow Up

If applicable, Home and Community services will contact you to set up home care services. Call (905) 762-4028 if you do not hear from them in 24 hours. If your drain falls out or moves significantly out of place, please call the **Diagnostic Imaging Day Unit (905) 472-7373 ext.1521** (Mon-Fri 8:00am-3:00pm), after hours go to the Emergency Department.

CALL YOUR DOCTOR DURING OFFICE HOURS, OR GO TO THE NEAREST EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT OR CALL 911 IF YOU HAVE:

1. Fever over 38.5°C or 101.3°F, or shakes and chills
2. Increasing pain, redness, swelling, bleeding or bruising at the tube site
3. Bright red blood drainage (“pink tinged” fluid is ok)
4. Chest pain, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, or heart rate over 100 bpm
5. Dizziness, light headedness or confusion, exhaustion, extreme weakness
6. Persistent nausea or vomiting or coughing blood