

## Indwelling Catheter Insertion and Post Procedure Care

Pleural effusion is a buildup of fluids in your lungs.

### Home Care Instructions

- Keep a logbook for the drainage amount.
- Drain daily up to 1L/day -may abort drainage attempt if symptoms, such as chest pain, worsening shortness of breath develop. Re-attempt the following day.
- If draining 200ml or less of fluid for 3 consecutive days, notify Provider or RN at BMDA Clinic of drainage amounts, they will instruct you about any changes in drainage schedule
- Change dressing every day for the first 3 days after placement to check the incision site, then can change dressing at least once per week and if soiled/wet/dirty, please keep the tip of catheter out from under dressing

### When to Contact Your Doctor

Call your Baptist MD Anderson oncology doctor if you have problems with the pleural catheter or if your symptoms return after treatment.

### Watch for:

- More discomfort near your incisions, especially if you see pus or redness or if your skin is hot to the touch
- Discolored (more red or more white) drainage, especially if you also have a fever or flu-like symptoms
- Shortness of breath or sudden increase in shortness of breath
- Chest pain
- More swelling or redness of the skin near the catheter
- The catheter moves in and out at the insertion site

### Follow up

Follow up in clinic in \_\_\_\_\_ weeks.

### Emergency Care

In case of any emergency, call 911 or go to the nearest emergency center. *For non-emergencies during business hours, call our triage line at 904-202-7300 option 3, then option 3 again.*

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