

Biliary Drainage Catheter Removal

Patient Information Sheet

The biliary drainage catheter used to drain bile from the liver has been removed.

We are sensitive to your needs and concerns and want to let you know your safety and well-being are our primary concern. This information will help you understand the recovery process.

Instructions after Biliary Drainage Catheter Removal

- Rest for the remainder of the day.
- Have a responsible adult spend the night with you.
- Do not drive for 24 hours if you have received sedation during the procedure.
- Do not lift anything weighing over 5 kilograms (10 pounds) for the next 48 hours.
- Do not participate in sports or strenuous activity for 48 hours.

Diet

- You can eat what you normally eat.

Medications

- If needed for pain or discomfort, take Tylenol (acetaminophen) for the next 48 hours. Follow the directions on the label.
- **Do not** use Aspirin or ibuprofen products, such as Advil or Motrin, as it may increase the chance of bleeding.

Dressing Care/Sutures

- Remove the gauze dressing (Band-Aid) after 24 hours.

Bathing

- You may shower or sponge bath, but keep the dressing dry for 24 hours
- Use plastic wrap to completely cover and protect the dressing by taping it to your skin
- **Do not** bathe or swim (especially in lakes) for one week as this may cause an infection at the insertion site for one (1) week following your procedure.

What to watch for

- Fever more than 100°F (38°C) or chills
- Unusual tenderness or upper abdomen pain
- Redness, swelling, foul odor or leakage from the site
- Excessive bleeding and/or a bloody dressing

If you experience any of the above changes call your doctor, Telehealth Ontario (1-866-797-0000), or go to your closest Emergency Department. Take this sheet with you.

