



Patient Education Wound Infusion Pain Pump

Dear Patient:

Your doctor has ordered a wound infusion pain pump. This pump is designed to give local anesthetic into your wound site. The medication will help to control your pain after your surgery. The pump may be left in place for 1 to 7 days.

The pain pump has very small tubing that is attached to a pump with a container that holds pain medication. Your doctor places the end of the tubing into your wound site. The tubing is taped into place.

After surgery, the pump will continually give a small amount of medication. If you become more uncomfortable and need to give yourself additional medication, you may push the "FOR EXTRA PAIN RELIEF" button. There is a safety feature in the pump which prevents you from getting too much medication.

While you are in the hospital, please report side effects to your nurse.

Possible Side Effects include:

1. Metallic taste
2. Numbness around your mouth
3. Dizziness or light-headedness
4. Drowsiness
5. Slurred speech
6. Irritability
7. Skin rash or hives
8. Nausea/Vomiting
9. Seizures

After Dismissal:

Your responsibilities include:

1. Reporting any side effects to your physician. (See list above)
2. Checking the tubing to see that it is not kinked.
3. Checking the pump screen for droplets which indicate the pump is working.
4. Keeping the tape (which covers the tubing) dry.
5. Keeping the pump out of water. If you shower, you may place the pump into a plastic bag or hang it outside the shower.

Discontinuing the Pump:

Your doctor will determine when your pump will be discontinued. Your pump may be discontinued by:

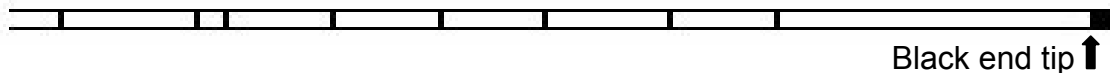
1. Your nurse while you are still in the hospital.
2. Your doctor when you return to the office for a follow-up visit.
3. Yourself or a family member/partner.

Your pump is to be discontinued on _____ (date).

Note: If the screen reads “EMPTY”, the pump will automatically shut off. If the pump reads “EMPTY”, the medication has all been used. You may discontinue the pump now or call your doctor if you are to have the pump discontinued in the office.

To Discontinue the Pump Yourself:

1. Turn the pump off by pressing the “PUMP ON/OFF” button.
2. Remove tape which was holding the tubing in place.
3. Have family member pull tubing gently and quickly.
4. Wipe the end of the tubing with a dry cloth or tissue to reveal the tip of the tubing.
NOTE: Do not use alcohol as it will remove the black marks.
5. Check the end tip of the tubing for a small black mark.



If there is no black mark on the tip of the tubing, notify your doctor or the emergency room at Newman Regional Health.

6. Throw away the pump and the tubing.

See other dismissal instructions from further information regarding your care.