

**ABSCESS TUBE PROTOCOL FOR INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY**

<b>FLUSHING SCHEDULE</b>	<b>DRESSING SCHEDULE</b>	<b>ITEMS TO FOLLOW</b>	<b>TUBE CHANGE SCHEDULE</b>	<b>PATIENT TEACHING</b>
<p><b><u>Hospital and Home Care:</u></b></p> <p>Daily or every other day with 10 cc NSS as ordered by the interventional radiology physician</p>	<p><b><u>Hospital and Home Care:</u></b></p> <p>As needed</p>	<p><b><u>Hospital:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WBC</li> <li>• Color</li> <li>• Thickness</li> <li>• Temperature</li> <li>• Tube output</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Hospital and Home Care:</u></b></p> <p>Call interventional radiology for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tube output if to bag (less than 25 cc/day, notify interventional radiology)</li> <li>• If tube output steadily decreases</li> <li>• Temperature &gt;101, chills, or shaking</li> <li>• Tube does not flush</li> <li>• Tube leaking around site</li> <li>• Skin becomes red or irritated</li> <li>• Pain at tube site</li> <li>• Stitch comes out</li> <li>• Tube pulls back or falls out</li> <li>• Patient is re-admitted to the hospital (<i>home care only</i>)</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Hospital:</u></b></p> <p>See Items to Follow</p> <p><b><u>Home Care:</u></b></p> <p>7-10 days if patient goes home (<i>see Items to Follow</i>)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Avoid baths and swimming</li> <li>• Showers okay as long as tube is covered</li> <li>• When to call interventional radiology (<i>see Items to Follow</i>)</li> </ul>