

CHEST TUBE PROTOCOL FOR INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY (EMPHYEMA)

FLUSHING SCHEDULE	DRESSING SCHEDULE	ITEMS TO FOLLOW	TUBE CHANGE SCHEDULE	PATIENT TEACHING
<p><u>Hospital and Home Care:</u></p> <p>Daily with 10 cc NSS or as per physician order</p>	<p><u>Hospital and Home Care:</u></p> <p>As needed</p>	<p><u>Hospital and Home Care:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tube output • Color • Thickness <p>Call interventional radiology for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decrease in tube output to < 25cc/day • Temperature >101, chills, or shaking • Skin becomes red or irritated • Pain at tube site • Stitch comes out • Tube pulls back or falls out • Patient is re-admitted to the hospital (<i>home care only</i>) 	<p><u>Hospital and Home Care:</u></p> <p>See Items to Follow</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid baths and swimming • Shower okay if tube covered • When to call interventional radiology (<i>see Items to Follow</i>)