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1. You have a

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| <input type="checkbox"/> External Biliary Tube | <input type="checkbox"/> Nephrostomy Tube |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Abscess Drainage Tube | <input type="checkbox"/> Cholecystomy Tube |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chest Tube (pneumothorax) | <input type="checkbox"/> Chest Tube (empyema) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

2. Using 10cc NSS or _____cc NSS, you should

- Flush tube daily
- Every Monday and Thursday
- Flush tube Monday, Wednesday, Friday
- Not flush tube
- Other _____

3. You should not take a tub bath or swim with tube. You may take a shower if you wrap plastic wrap around tube site. Try to minimize getting the dressing wet.

Check appropriate tube care

- Instructions for Capped Tube**
 - Open 10 cc normal saline (NSS) syringe.
 - Wipe rubber stopper at end of tube with an alcohol wipe.
 - Screw syringe onto end cap.
 - Flush tube slowly and do not pull back on syringe plunger.
 - If tube has a "lock" and "open" disk, **keep it locked at all times.**
 - **If you develop a fever of 101 degrees Fahrenheit or experience shaking or chills, immediately uncap your tube and attach to a drainage bag. Call your physician for further instructions.**

- Instructions for Tube to Bag Drainage**
 - Open 10 cc normal saline (NSS) syringe.
 - Disconnect tube from drainage bag. Wipe end of tube with alcohol and let dry.
 - Flush tube and do not draw back.
 - Disconnect syringe and wipe end with alcohol pad. Let dry. Reconnect drainage bag to tube.
 - If tube has a "lock" and "open" disk, **keep it locked at all times. This keeps the tube in place.**

- **Instructions for Dressing/Bag Change**
 - Change dressing as needed.
 - Change drainage bag system every 10 days or as needed

- **When to Call the Doctor**
 - If tube does not flush
 - If the tube is leaking around the site
 - If the skin around the site is red and irritated
 - Your skin becomes yellow
 - Fever of 101 degrees Fahrenheit
 - Shaking or chills
 - Pain at tube site
 - Nausea/vomiting
 - Tube stops draining if attached to bag
 - If at stitch comes out
 - If tube pulls back or falls out

- You will need to call 215-481-2071 to schedule a tube check/change upon discharge from hospital.

- If you are re-admitted to Abington Memorial Hospital, please call or have your nurse notify our department regarding your admission at 215-481-6745.

- **If you have a problem that you feel requires immediate attention, you should go to the emergency room, either at Abington Memorial Hospital or the closest hospital.** If you feel that your problem can safely wait until you speak to a physician, you should contact your doctor or radiologist.
- **For questions regarding tube care or assistance during 8AM-5PM Monday-Friday, call 215-481-6745** and speak with one of the Radiology Nurses.
- It is usually easier to contact your own physician by calling the office or after hours through the answering service. If you do not know the number, the hospital operator can connect you by calling 215-481-2000.
- If you have concerns that can be answered by the Radiologist, you can reach your physician as follows:
 - **During regular weekday hours (8AM to 5PM), call 215-481-2071** and ask the technologist to connect you with the Radiologist.
 - **During off hours for emergencies call 215-481-2000** and ask the hospital operator to contact the Special Studies Radiologist on-call.

Staff Signature _____ Date _____

Patient Signature _____ Date _____