



Call your healthcare provider or go to your nearest Emergency Department if you have any of the following:

- fever of 38°C (100°F) or higher
- cloudy or bad-smelling drainage
- change in the amount of drainage
- redness, swelling, or pain at the catheter site
- shortness of breath or discomfort that does not go away

If the catheter is cut, pulled out, damaged, or leaking:

- clamp the catheter using the emergency slide clip close to the skin and secure with tape
- CALL 911 OR GO TO THE NEAREST EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

For 24-hour professional health advice and information, call:



What is a PleurX™ / PeritX™ Catheter?

- A soft and flexible tube used to drain extra fluid that builds up around the lungs or in the belly.
- You can drain the fluid yourself at home, or a healthcare provider can drain it at your home or a clinic.
- The catheter helps remove extra fluid from your body while giving you more independence.

Care and Drainage

- A dressing is placed over the catheter exit site to protect it and keep it clean.
- The dressing is changed once a week and as needed. If you notice your dressing is wet with drainage, call your healthcare provider.
- How often you drain the catheter will depend on how you feel and what your practitioner tells you.
- Tell your healthcare provider if you do not feel better after being drained or if you need to drain again before your next appointment.

Bathing

- Do NOT tub bath.
- You can shower when the catheter and dressing are covered with a waterproof dressing.
- Cover the area with plastic wrap (such as Saran Wrap™) and waterproof tape.
- Try to shower just before your planned dressing change in case the dressing gets wet.
- The dressing MUST BE changed if it gets wet.

Contacts

- CALL _____ to contact your Home Care nurse
- CALL _____ to contact your Palliative Care team
- CALL _____ to contact your practitioner

