

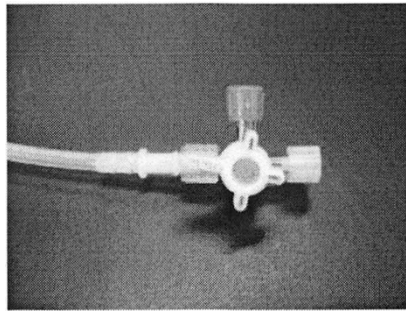
## Tenckhoff Catheter

The Tenckhoff catheter lets you take control of uncomfortable and painful symptoms from pleural effusions. A safe, proven option the Tenckhoff catheter helps you drain fluid buildup in the comfort of your own home.

The catheter is inserted, typically as a simple outpatient procedure, in the chest for draining pleural effusions. The end of the catheter stays outside of the body, hidden under a bandage when not in use. To drain, just connect the end of the catheter to the drainage line on the bottle.

### POST-OPERATIVE CARE OF PATIENTS WITH TENCKHOFF CATHETER

Step 1: Using Sterile technique, uncap one of the ports of the 3 way-stop-cock



Step 2: Attach secondary medication IV tubing and an empty 1 liter IV bag to the uncapped port. Place IV bag below the insertion site of patient (i.e to gravity) and turn stop-cock to allow drainage from patient to IV bag.

Step 3: Allow drainage to flow freely for 15 minutes or until a maximum of 1 liter of fluid is drained- whichever is reached first.

Step 4: Turn stop-cock so the OFF position is facing patient, disconnect tubing and replace cap on port. Dispose of fluid in toilet and dispose of tubing and IV bag in hazardous waste container.

Drain patient's fluid every day for 1 week, then every 3 days for 2 weeks, then drain every week until patient or family is comfortable managing tube care on their own.

If drainage is < 100 cc for 3 consecutive visits, have patient contact office to arrange removal of tube.

If tube comes out or if you have concerns about insertion site infection, please contact the surgeon's office. DO NOT SEND PATIENT TO EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT since this is not a medical emergency