

**Interventional Radiology  
Patient Discharge Education  
Instructions Following Drain Removal**

**Site Care:**

- The site will be covered with a Band-Aid or simple gauze. Keep covered and dry for 24 hours
- Remove the dressing after 24 hours and assess the site:
  1. If there is no drainage, you may leave the dressing off and wash normally
  2. If there is drainage, clean the area and reapply a dressing. A simple Band-Aid is fine.Recheck the site daily and change the dressing as long as drainage remains
- Do not submerge in water until a dressing is no longer needed (no drainage)
- It is NORMAL to have some tenderness at the site for a few days after removal

**Call Interventional Radiology if you have:**

- Continued drainage past 5 days or an increasing amount of drainage
- Increasing redness or swelling at the tube site
- Increasing pain or pressure at the drain site
- Fever over 101

**Interventional Radiology Contact Information**

*Office Hours 8:00 am - 4:30 pm*

Post procedure questions and RN Triage:

Phone: **650-736-9081**                      Fax: 650-736-7734

Email: *irprocedure@stanfordmed.org* – non urgent concerns only

For all After Hours Urgent/Emergent issues:

Call the Stanford *Page Operator*: **650-723-6661**

*Ask for the IR MD ON Call (pager # 27237)*