

# ASEPT® PATIENT INFORMATION – FAQ's

## ASEPT® Drainage Catheter System – For Pleural or Peritoneal Drainage

The ASEPT® product line has been designed to enable you to drain fluid from your chest or abdomen to provide relief from symptoms. Although you have been trained in the correct use of the ASEPT® Drainage Kit, you may still have some questions. The following provides you an overview of the most frequently asked questions. For step-by-step instructions on how to perform the drainage procedure please refer to the Instructions for Use, provided with every case of ASEPT® Drainage Kits.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

### **What is the difference between the ASEPT® One-Bottle Drainage Kit and the Drainage Bag Kit?**

Depending on your prescription, you have been provided with the ASEPT® One-Bottle Kit or the Drainage Bag Kit. The One-Bottle Drainage Kit is generally sufficient for Pleural (Chest) or Peritoneal (Abdominal) drainage. The Drainage Bag Kit can ONLY be used for Peritoneal Drainage and utilizes gravity for drainage. It is at your physician's discretion which kit to prescribe.

### **How often should I drain the fluid in the abdomen or from my chest?**

Generally you should drain the fluid every two days. The amount of fluid drained should not exceed 1,000mL in the chest during any one drainage procedure; 2,000mL in the peritoneum during any one drainage procedure. However, you should always follow your doctor's directions in regards to amount and frequency of fluid drained.

### **What if I feel pain or discomfort when draining fluid?**

It is normal to feel some pain when draining, especially in the chest area. Use the white pinch clamp on the drain line to slow the flow of fluid. This may relieve some of the pain. If you feel an unusual or increasing pain, stop the drainage procedure and contact your doctor or nurse. If you feel pain or shortness of breath after draining, contact your doctor or nurse.

### **What if there are any signs of infection around the catheter exit site?**

Some redness around the catheter exit site is normal, especially after the initial placement. If you suspect an infection contact your doctor or nurse. Signs of infection include, but are not limited to, fever and increased sensitivity, pain, redness and/or swelling around the catheter exit site.

### **What if the amount of fluid drained has decreased drastically?**

If the amount of fluid drained has decreased over time or you drain 50mLs or less during any given drainage procedure, inform your doctor or nurse. The catheter may need to be removed or replaced.

### **Can I shower with the catheter in place?**

Yes, as long as the self adhesive dressing is securely covering the catheter, entrance site, and gauze pads, you can shower. Make sure to check prior to taking a shower that the dressing has not become loose and will allow water to penetrate. In case you do get water below the self adhesive dressing and the gauze pads become wet, immediately remove the dressing, dry and clean the area around the catheter. Use a new procedure pack and follow the Instructions for Use regarding dressing change.

### **What if the fluid drained looks very different than in previous drainage procedures?**

If the color or consistency changes drastically from one drainage procedure to the next, inform your doctor or nurse.

### **What if the fluid suddenly stops to drain or what if there is no fluid flow at all?**

- **For Drainage with the One-Bottle Drainage Kit ONLY:** Check to make sure the green vacuum indicator on the vacuum bottle is not all the way up and expanded. If it is, open a new drainage kit and start over.

- **For Drainage with the Drainage Bag Kits ONLY:** Ensure that the Drainage Bag and drain line is lower than your Catheter/Catheter Valve. The Bag requires gravity for the fluid to flow.
- The catheter valve may have become blocked or the connector on the drain line is not firmly connected to the catheter valve. Disconnect, clean the valve with an alcohol wipe and reconnect it firmly. If this does not help try using a new drainage kit.
- If there is still no fluid flow from the catheter it may have become occluded. Disconnect the catheter using the proper procedures outlined in the Instructions for Use. Clean the skin around the catheter and use the dressing change items to cover the catheter. Contact your doctor or nurse.

### **What happens if the catheter is accidentally pulled out?**

The catheter has been designed for secure placement and cannot be easily pulled out under normal circumstances. In the very unlikely event that the catheter gets pulled out, clean the wound immediately, use a new procedure pack, and cover the wound with gauze pads and the self adhesive dressing. Contact your doctor or nurse immediately.

### **What if the catheter gets cut, punctured, or damaged?**

If the catheter gets cuts, punctured, or damaged immediately pinch the catheter closed between your fingers. Push the blue emergency slide clamp that is included in the procedure pack over the catheter between your body and the cut or leak. Be sure to push the catheter completely into the small end of the clamp as this will close the catheter. Seek medical help immediately! This is especially important if you have a chest catheter. Air could have entered in your chest cavity which is an emergency situation

### **How can I order additional ASEPT® Drainage Kits?**

If you need to order refills contact B. Braun Interventional Systems Telephone: (877) 836-2228  
Fax: (610) 849-1334.

### **When do I need to re-order ASEPT® Drainage Kits?**

You should re-order when you have only a week's worth of supplies left. Generally this is 3-4 Drainage Kits.

### **Where can I refer my doctor to for re-ordering of ASEPT® Accessories?**

Your doctor should have his or her sales representative's contact information. If this is not the case or if you are referred to a new hospital or physician, have him/her contact a **B. Braun Interventional Systems Inc. representative** or call **1-877-VENA-CAV (836-2228)**.

We hope that the FAQs listed answered most of your questions. For additional questions on draining fluid please refer to the Instructions for Use or contact your doctor or nurse.

Sincerely,  
The ASEPT® Support Team at B. Braun Interventional Systems Inc.

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#### **Indications For Use:**

The ASEPT® Pleural Drainage System is intended for long term, intermittent drainage of symptomatic, recurrent, pleural effusions, including malignant pleural effusions and other pleural effusions that do not respond to treatment of the underlying disease.

The ASEPT® Peritoneal Drainage System is indicated for periodic drainage of recurrent and symptomatic malignant ascites. The catheter is intended for long term access of the peritoneal cavity in order to relieve symptoms such as dyspnea. The ASEPT® Drainage Bag is an accessory to the ASEPT® Peritoneal Drainage System and is used for peritoneal drainage with the ASEPT® Peritoneal Drainage Catheter.

Refer to the ASEPT® Drainage Kit Instructions for Use for relevant warnings, precautions, complications, and contraindications.

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