Drainage instructions
PleurX® catheter system

Getting started: Have all drainage supplies ready and then thoroughly wash your hands.

1. Open all packaging. Unfold blue wrapping. Place bottle near wrapping and lay access tip on blue wrapping.
2. Pick up each glove by the wrist cuff and put both of them on.
3. Tear open alcohol pads. Lay open alcohol pad pouches on blue wrapping a short distance from sterile items.

Connecting the drainage bottle: Be sure to keep the end of the catheter and access tip clean.

4. Close roller clamp completely by rolling the wheel on roller clamp toward bottle. Remove access tip cover by twisting and pulling gently. Set access tip on blue wrapping.
5. Take valve cap off catheter.
6. Clean around valve opening with first alcohol pad.
7. Insert access tip into catheter valve.

Draining fluid: Do not drain more than 1,000 mL from your chest or 2,000 mL from your abdomen at any one time.

8. Remove support clip from top of drainage bottle and push down “T” plunger.
9. To begin draining, roll wheel on roller clamp away from vacuum bottle.
10. When finished draining, completely close roller clamp by rolling wheel on roller clamp toward bottle.

Final steps and disposal: If you have any questions or concerns, contact your doctor or nurse.

11. Pull access tip out of valve; set drainage line down.
12. Clean around valve opening with second alcohol pad.
13. Place new cap on catheter valve and twist it until it snaps into its locked position.
14. Clean around catheter site with third alcohol pad.
15. Place foam catheter pad around catheter and wind catheter on top of pad. Cover catheter with gauze pads.
16. Apply self-adhesive dressing over gauze pads.
17. Push down “T” plunger and move plunger in a circular motion to further puncture foil seal so fluid can be poured out.
18. Remove flexible cap and drainage line from bottle.
19. Empty bottle into toilet. Place bottle in a plastic bag, seal tightly and discard.

These instructions are to be used only as a supplemental reference. Read the Instructions for Use that come with the drainage kits and watch the drainage video for more detailed instructions.