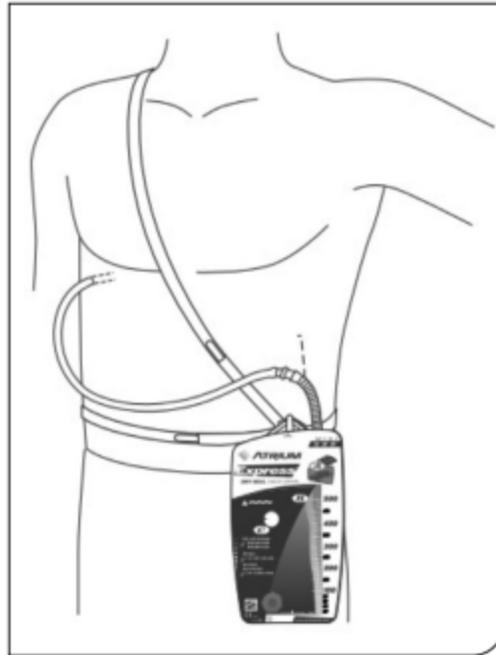


How do I take care of the tube and device?

- Keep the Atrium 500® below the level of your chest.
- Never disconnect the Atrium 500® from the chest tube. If the chest tube becomes detached from the Atrium 500®, immediately reconnect it.
- Check the tube for kinks or disconnection if the tube gets pulled or twisted.
- Never clamp the drain – this is essential to allow air to escape from the chest.



Showering and bathing

- You should not take baths, go swimming, or go in a hot tub when you have a chest drain in place.
- It is best to wash at a sink.
- Showering is possible but requires you to keep the Atrium 500® device dry and is likely to need the help of a family member. It is essential that the tubing does not become blocked or wet if you shower. It is important that your chest tube dressing is kept dry – a wet dressing encourages infection. If you plan to shower, our nurses can discuss the safest technique.

When should I contact a Healthcare Professional?

- You have a temperature of 38.0°C or higher.
- The skin around your chest tube is red, inflamed, or feels warm and painful.
- Drainage is coming from around your chest tube insertion site.
- You have pain that isn't eased by normal painkillers.
- More fluid is draining from your chest tube than usual.
- The colour or thickness of the fluid draining changes.

Follow-up while you have a chest tube and Atrium 500®

- The Interventional Pulmonology team will keep you up to date on plans for follow up. This will typically include a weekly chest x ray and clinic visit to assess for ongoing air leak and assessment of any fluid drainage.
- Follow up in clinic ***

Contact details

If you feel very unwell, have sudden increase in shortness of breath, chest pain, or swelling of the skin- present to the nearest Emergency Department or dial 911.

For non-urgent questions or to schedule and appointment with the Henry Ford Interventional Pulmonology team call: (313) 916-3650