

Medication in Pump

Drug Name: _____

Drug Concentration: _____

Approximate Date Infusion Complete: _____

*Patient Education Sheet***ON-Q Pain Relief System****What is the ON-Q?**

The ON-Q is a balloon-type pump filled with a medicine to treat your pain. It blocks the pain in the area of your procedure. With ON-Q, you may have better pain relief and need less pain medicine. Its small size allows you to move around freely.

How does the ON-Q work?

The pump is attached to a catheter (small tube) near your procedure site. The pump automatically pushes the medicine through the tube. **DO NOT** squeeze the pump. The pump may be clipped to your clothing or dressing or placed in a small carrying case.

How do I know the pump is working?

- The pump gives your medicine very slowly. It may take longer than 24 hours after your procedure to notice a change in the size and look of the pump. Your pump may look like the picture.
- In time, the outside bag on the pump will get looser and wrinkles will form in the bag.
- Talk to your doctor about taking other pain medication as needed.
- Check the following:
 - Make sure the white clamp on the tubing is open (moves freely on the tubing).
 - Make sure there are no kinks in the pump tubing.
 - Do not tape or cover the filter.

What should I do with my ON-Q when sleeping?

- Make sure the pump is placed on a bedside table or on top of bed covers.
- Do not place the pump underneath the bed covers where the pump may become too warm.
- Do not place the pump on the floor or hang the pump on a bedpost.

Can I take a shower with ON-Q?

- Your doctor will tell you when it's ok for you to shower.
- Take care to protect the catheter site, pump and filter from water.
- Do not submerge the pump in water.



How long will my ON-Q last?

Depending on the size of your pump, it may take 2-5 days to give you all the medicine. All your medicine has been delivered when the outside bag is flat and a hard tube can be felt in the middle of the pump.

Troubleshooting

Tubing Disconnection

If the pump tubing becomes disconnected from your catheter, **DO NOT** put it back in. Close the tubing clamp and immediately contact your doctor for instructions.

Leaking

If leaking from the pump or pump tubing occurs:

- Close the clamp on the tubing and call your doctor.
- Please save the pump for your doctor to return to I-Flow.

When should I call the surgeon?

Be aware that you may experience loss of feeling (numbness) at and around the area of your procedure. If this occurs, be careful not to hurt yourself. Be careful when placing hot or cold items on the numb area.

The following symptoms may represent a serious medical condition.

Immediately close the clamp on the pump tubing and call your doctor or 911 in case of emergency.

- Increase in pain
- Fever, chills, sweats
- Bowel or bladder changes
- Difficulty breathing

- Redness, warmth, or discharge or excessive bleeding from the catheter site
- Dizziness or lightheadedness
- Blurred vision
- Ringing or buzzing in your ears
- Metal taste in your mouth
- Numbness or tingling around your mouth, fingers, or toes
- Drowsiness
- Confusion

How to remove the ON-Q catheter?

If your doctor has instructed you to remove the ON-Q catheter, follow their instructions keeping in mind these steps:

- Remove the dressing covering the catheter site.
- Remove any skin adhesive strips.
- Grasp the catheter close to the skin and gently pull on the catheter.
- It should be easy to remove and not painful. If it becomes difficult STOP and call your doctor.
- Do not cut or pull hard to remove the catheter.
- Once removed, check the catheter tip for a black marking to ensure the entire catheter was removed. Call your doctor if you do not see the black marking.
- Place bandage over the catheter site as instructed by your doctor.

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