

# Care of Elastomeric Pump – Patient on Palliative Treatment

A home pump (balloon) provides a continuous and constant flow of medication to the patient.



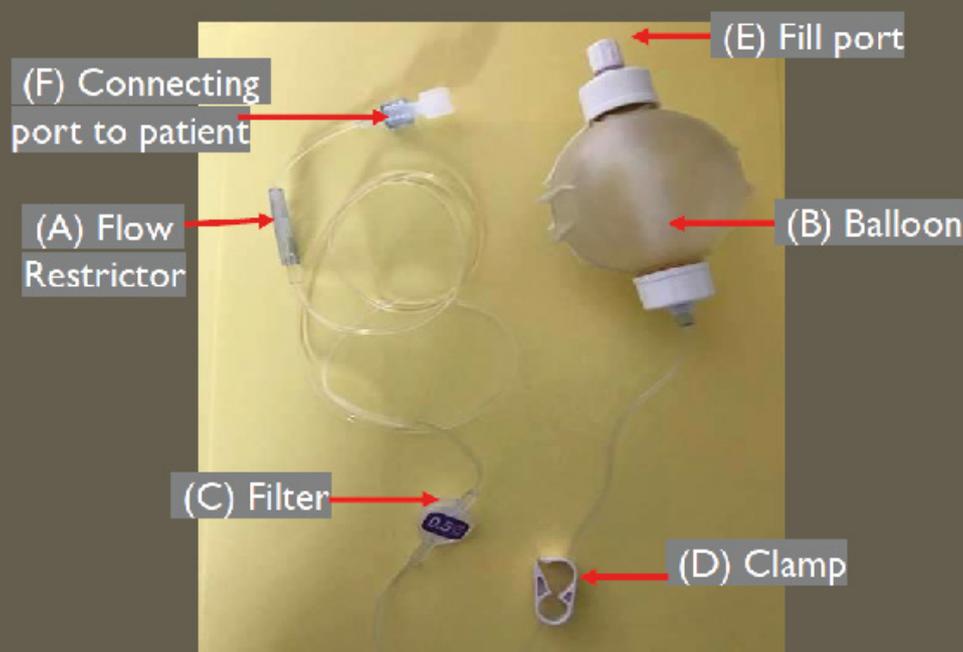
## How Do I Take Care of my Home Pump?

### Do's:

1. Ensure that the flow restrictor (A) is secured to the skin of the arm with tape.
2. Expose the pump. (Do not cover the pump with any materials to prevent the pump from warming up)
3. Keep the pump dry.
4. Ensure the drug label on the balloon and the balloon is placed in a ziplock bag.
5. Clean it with a dry cloth or tissue paper when it comes in contact with water.
6. Store the pump at room temperature to prevent changes to the infusion rate (speed at which medication drops are delivered to patients).

### Don'ts:

1. Do not squeeze the balloon (B).
2. Do not place the pump under the bed covers.
3. Do not clean the filter (C) with soap, water or alcohol wipes.
4. Do not tape or cover the filter (C).
5. Do not kink (bend) the tubing.
6. Do not close the clamp (D).



The balloon will loosen, and gradually become smaller when all the medication is transferred.

Please seek immediate medical attention if you experienced the following:

1. Balloon does not decrease in size over time
2. There is leakage from any part of the pump
3. Tubing is disconnected from any part of the pump or catheter.
4. The dressing is wet or loose.
5. Pain felt over the affected site.
6. Physical contact with the medication. Wash the affected area immediately that made contact with soap and water.

Call your following institution helplines during office hours (8.30am-5.30pm) otherwise please proceed to Emergency Department.

Please proceed to Emergency Department after office hours.

