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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 form 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.



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