

Nephrostomy Tube Removal Home Care

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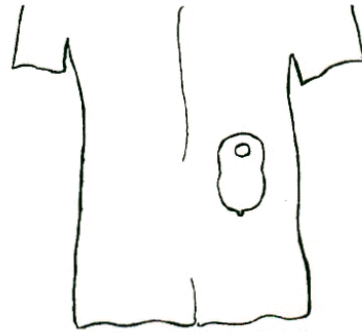
You have had your nephrostomy tube removed and are going home.

Here are a few things you should know about taking care of the site on your back where the tube was removed.

● Some urine may leak from the site for a few days until it heals and grows together.

● If the opening is small, a small bandage will be placed over the site. You may have to change this once or twice if it gets damp at home. Wash your hands before putting on a clean bandage.

● If you had a large nephrostomy tube, the opening may be larger and will take longer to heal. A pouch (plastic drainage bag) will be placed over the site. The pouch will keep you dry. You should open the spout at the bottom to empty the bag before it gets too full with urine.



● You should leave the pouch on until there is no more leaking from the site. This may take 2 to 3 days. Then you can peel off the pouch. Cover the site with a bandage for another day or so.

● Check the site every day until it is well healed. If you notice abnormal drainage or bleeding, call the doctor. There should be only a small scar where the tube was when healing is complete.

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