

Your ON-Q Pump

The ON-Q pain ball is a balloon type pump filled with medicine to treat post-operative pain. It blocks pain in the surgical area of your procedure and gives you better pain relief than taking only a narcotic type medicine alone.

The pain ball is attached to a small tube that was placed near your procedure site. It is portable and will automatically deliver medication at a set rate. As it is delivered, you will notice the pump ball gradually becoming smaller. In time, the outside bag on the pump will appear looser and have more wrinkles. The pump should be expected to empty over a time of 100 hours (4 days from date of procedure).

Instructions

Keep the pump on your person in the carrying case.

Do not yank on the tubing. Be gentle with handling.

You should notice the pump starting to shrink (wrinkles) after 24 hours. If you do not notice any wrinkles, check for pinched tubing and verify clamp is open.

Removing the Catheter

Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water.

Remove any clear dressings by gently peeling it back while holding the tube to the skin.

Remove the catheter: Hold the catheter close to the skin and pull it out gently at a 90-degree angle. It should come out easily and painlessly.

Ensure a small black tip is visible at the end of the removed catheter.

Place a bandage over the insertion site.

The device is disposable and should be thrown in the household trash.

When to Contact Surgical Associates 907-714-4130

Contact the office if the catheter is hard to remove, causes pain when trying to remove, or if the black tip is not present on the end of the catheter after removal.