



ATLANTIC MEDICAL IMAGING
INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY
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Suprapubic Tube Patient Discharge Instructions

Supplies may be purchased from your local pharmacy or a store like Walmart®.

How to reduce chances of infection

- ALWAYS keep the urine bag below the level of your bladder. This prevents the urine flowing back into your bladder, and allows the urine to drain. Check the placement of the catheter often, especially after changing clothes and other activities.
- Only disconnect the urine bag to change or clean the urine collection bag.
- Keep extra catheter supplies at home.
- Make sure the catheter is always secured well. Prevent any tugging or pulling on the catheter.
- Wash your hands before and after all catheter care, even if you use gloves.
- Do not place the drainage bag on the floor.

Call your Urologist or Interventional Radiology if you experience:

- For a fever greater than 101.5°F (38.6°C).
- Changes in the smell and color of your urine.
- If your catheter falls completely out of your body. THIS IS AN EMERGENCY, CALL THE DOCTOR IMMEDIATELY.
- If the skin site around the catheter looks swollen, or red, is bleeding or smells bad.
- If the catheter suddenly and completely stops draining any urine.