



Instructions for Catheter Dressing Immediately after Contura MLB Implantation

RECOMMENDED SUPPLIES:

- CLEAN DISPOSABLE GLOVES
- STERILE GAUZE
- STERILE 4X4'S or SPLIT DRAIN SPONGES
- PAPER TAPE
- ANTIBIOTIC OINTMENT (optional)
- ACE WRAP / MESH BRA / PATIENTS SPORTS BRA

CATHETER DRESSING INSTRUCTIONS:

(To be performed immediately after Contura MLB implantation, employing sterile technique.)

1. Wipe the site clean with sterile saline and sterile gauze.
 - Use of antibiotic ointment at exit site is optional. If used, it should be a thin layer.
2. Ensure the catheter exit site is covered with sterile gauze or split drain sponges.
3. Ensure the "tail" of the catheter is bent to the contour of the patient's body and secured using paper tape and gauze.
 - 4X4's should be placed between the port caps and the patient's body for comfort.
4. It is important that the "tail" of the catheter be immobilized against the body as excessive motion may irritate the skin at the exit site and promote inflammation and/or infection. This can be accomplished using one of the following:
 - Paper tape and gauze (as mentioned previously)
 - An ultra wide Ace wrap that also serves as a support bra
 - "Surgilast" Tubular Elastic Dressing Retainer (mesh bra)

We understand that each case is unique and therefore we recommend that the surgeon use their discretion to ensure that all of the aforementioned steps are appropriate, so as to provide the best care and ensure the comfort of the patient.