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Radiology Department

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Frequently Asked questions

How long can the drain stay insitu for?

The Pigtail Drainage Catheter can stay in place for up to 3 months. When a new catheter is needed your GP or Urology Consultant will refer you to the radiology department.

Will I need to be admitted to hospital when the drain is replaced?

No, usually this procedure can be done as an out-patient as no sedation should be needed.

How is the drain held in place? Will it fall out?

The drain is held in place by a dressing called a Skater fix.

How often is the dressing and drainage bag replaced and by who?

Your dressing (skater fix) and drainage bag should be changed every week, this will be done by a specially trained practice nurse, community nurse or a relative can be taught how to do this if that is appropriate.

How do I get hold of these dressings and bags?

Your GP surgery (or Community nurse) will be able to order these dressings and bags for you from the Radiology Department to ensure you have these when they attend or for you to take to whoever is changing them.

Who do I contact if I have any problems with the drain? What if it falls out or moves?

If you have any concerns you can telephone your GP surgery or Community Nurse. However if they cannot help please contact the radiology nurses on the numbers below. If you feel the drain has moved or fallen out please contact someone straight away.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact the radiology nurses on **01793 605056** or phone the main switchboard on **01793 604020** and ask the operator to **bleep 2161** (08:30-17:00 Monday-Friday excluding bank holidays).

From 1st January 2019 smoking will not be permitted on any NHS site in England. Smoking will not be permitted within any of our buildings or anywhere outside on our sites. Smoking facilities will not be provided. Please be considerate of others when vaping in hospital ground

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