

Chest Drain Observation Chart

Affix Bradma Label	Date and time of insertion:		Seldinger chest drain: 12F 18F Wide-bore chest drain: 20F 22F 24F 26F 28F Indication: Pleural effusion <input type="checkbox"/> Pneumothorax <input type="checkbox"/> Empyema <input type="checkbox"/> Other
	Ward:		
	Consultant:		

Following insertion observe chest drain:

- Every 15 minutes for the first hour; Every hour for the next 3 hours and every 4 hours until removal
- Observe site for signs of infection/disconnection/air leak and/or displacement
- Ensure drainage bottle is positioned correctly below the level of the chest
- Record the amount and type of drainage
- Ensure patient is comfortable and give analgesia as required
- Refer to Trust policy for further information

	Date	Time	Blue bottle						Red bottle				Signature	Band			
			Swinging	Bubbling	Drainage type *	Underwater seal intact	Tubing & connections intact	Site checked	Bottle changed	HOURLY Chest drain drainage	Chest drain drainage running total	Suction prescription			Bubbling	Correct water level in suction bottle	Suction setting at wall
			y/n	y/n	C/P/B/SS	y/n	y/n	dry/wet	y/n	mls	mlscmH20	y/n	y/nKPa		
Every 15 minutes for the first hour																	
Every hour for the next 3 hours																	

*Drainage type: C = clear P = purulent B = blood SS = serosanguineous

