



## After Tenkhoff Catheter Removal

1. You may feel sleepy for several hours after surgery.
2. Do not drive any vehicles or ride a bike for at least 24 hours.
3. Do not operate heavy equipment, including lawn mowers.
4. You may return to work, school, or regular activities the day after catheter removal.
5. You may take a shower 2 days after the catheter has been removed, but do not shower until you have been seen by a doctor in the clinic.

### Wound Care

1. Call the transplant center if you have serious bleeding where you must change the dressing for large amounts of blood.
2. Wash your hands before changing the dressing or touching the wound.
3. You may remove the dressing in 48 hours if there is no more drainage.
4. Call the transplant center if you have the following:
  - redness, heat, or swelling at the site
  - drainage at the site
  - fever
  - chills
  - abdominal pain
5. Your sutures should dissolve on their own, but if they do not, we will remove them at your clinic appointment.
6. You should return to the NIH clinic (OP 9) on (date) \_\_\_\_\_  
at (time) \_\_\_\_\_
7. Remember to take your medications on time and to record your blood pressure and temperature.

### Other Instructions:

**Contacts—Transplant Center telephone number: 301-496-1009**

Your Doctor:



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