

## Dear Doctor & District Nurse

Your patient has been discharged home with a **Rocket IPC Indwelling Peritoneal Catheter**.

This is a tunnelled catheter designed to drain recurrent peritoneal ascites from the abdomen. The drain is used to minimise the need for repeated admission into hospital and thereby improve and maintain your patient's quality of life.

Fluid is drained from the abdomen using a drainage bag in a simple, self or carer administered procedure, which usually takes between 5 and 45 minutes. Between procedures, the catheter is sealed with a one way valve and covered by a dressing so that the client can continue with their usual daily activities.

All the equipment needed for the drainage procedure and subsequent re-dressing is provided in a single pack: Product Code: **R54401 Rocket IPC Dressing Pack & Bag**.

Further supplies can be obtained from Rocket Medical directly or from NHS Logistics using order code **FET1551**.

The packs can also be ordered on prescription, tariff Part IXA appliances: **Indwelling Pleural Catheter Drainage Systems, Rocket IPC Drainage Pack & bag**.

**Please prescribe drainage pack and bag in Multiples of 5.**

The bags are for single use only. Drained fluid is not suitable for disposal in the domestic setting and used bags should be disposed of in accordance with your local protocol for handling contaminated waste/substances.

Following discharge from hospital, your client may require advice and support when drainage is required. The discharging ward will provide advice on the support required.

In general terms drainage is indicated for the relief of symptoms such as abdominal swelling, and its effects such as discomfort or difficulty breathing.

The client should be provided with a Patient Management handbook which contains detailed information on how to use the drainage bags and routine care of the catheter.

The handbook includes a drainage diary so that the drainage amounts and characteristics can be recorded.

You can also see a presentation on the use of IPC at [www.rocketmedical.com](http://www.rocketmedical.com)

**If further clinical advice is required please contact the client's discharging ward.**

For further details and supplies of **Rocket® IPC Dressing Pack & Bag Packs**

**Please contact our  
Customer Services Team for assistance: 0191 419 6988**

