

## Dear Doctor & District Nurse

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

This is a tunnelled catheter designed to drain recurrent pleural effusions from the chest. 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 chest using pre-evacuated bottles 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 patient 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: **R54400 Rocket® IPC Dressing Pack & Bottle**

Further supplies can be obtained directly from NHS Logistics using code FET1544.

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

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

If these methods of ordering are unsuitable you can also order direct from Rocket Medical.

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

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

The patient should be provided with a Patient Management handbook which contains detailed information on how to use the drainage bottles 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 watch a presentation on how to use IPC at [www.rocketmedical.com](http://www.rocketmedical.com) via the **Customer information Bulletin** link on the main page.

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

For further details and supplies of **Rocket® IPC Dressing Pack & Bottle Packs**  
**Please contact our**  
**Customer Services Team for assistance: 0191 419 6988**

