CHEST DRAIN OBSERVATION CHART

NAME

HOSPITAL NO.

DOB

Date and time of insertion:

Ward:

Consultant:

TYPE OF DRAIN

Seldinger 12F 18F

Wide bore 20F 22F 24F 26F 28F

Indication: pleural effusion pneumothorax empyema other……

OBSERVATION POST INSERTION

- Every 15 mins for 1st 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 drain bottle positioned below level of chest
- Maximum 1000 mls in 1st hour
- Record amount and type of drainage
- Ensure patient is comfortable and has adequate analgesia

*Drainage type C = Clear P = Purulent B = Blood S = Serous

Frequency	Date	Time	Swinging	Bubbling	Drainage Type	Underwater seal intact	Tubing and connection intact	Chest drain site checked	Bottle changed	Hourly chest drain drainage	Chest drain drainage running	Suction prescription if applicable	Bubbling	Suction setting at wall	Signature
			Y/N	Y/N	*C/P/B/S	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Mls	Mls	…..KPa	Y/N	…..KPa	
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