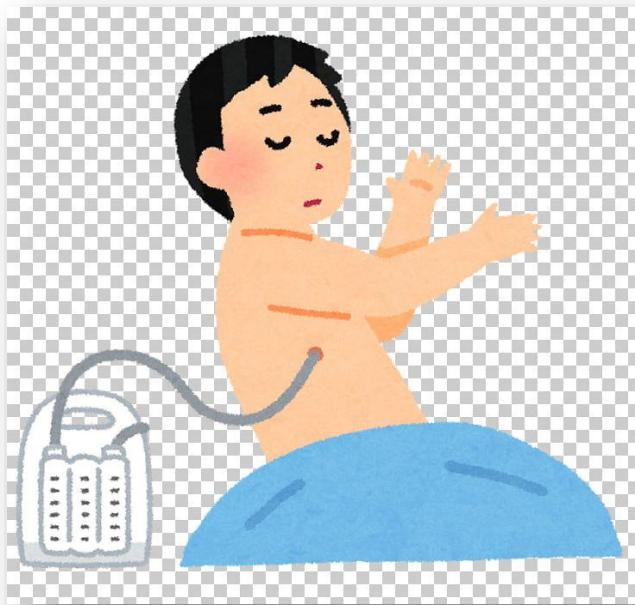


Chest Tube Removal





Today I am getting my chest tube removed.

There are many reasons why my body may have needed a chest tube.

Now that my body does not need my chest tube any more it is OK to remove it.



First my nurse and doctor will help me lay in a comfortable position.



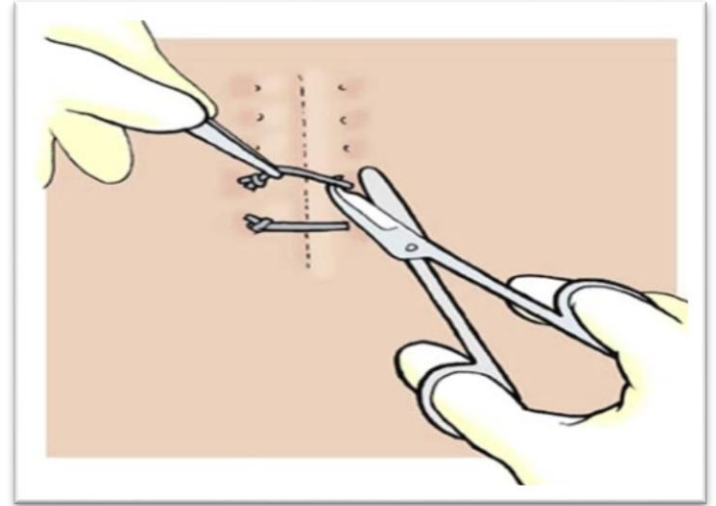
Next the doctor will remove any tape or band aides that may be protecting my chest tube.



The doctor may use wipes to help the tape and band aides come off easier.

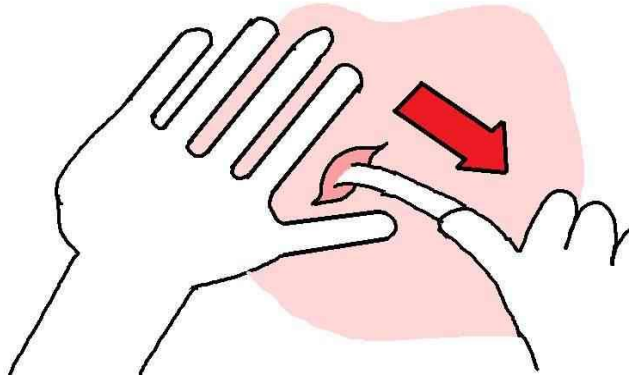


The doctor will use special scissors that look like this to remove the strings that are helping my chest tube stay in place.



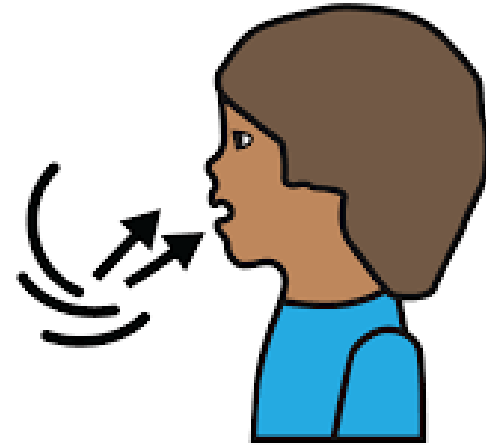
These scissors will only cut the strings not me.

This should not hurt me.



Once the strings are removed, the doctor gently pull the tube it out.

Take deep breath



The doctor may ask me to take a deep breath in and tighten all my muscles really tight.

This will help my chest tube come out easier.



After my chest tube is removed, the doctor will place a bandage that looks like this where my chest tube was.

It is important that I do not pull my bandage off until I am told to.



After my chest tube is removed I will get an x-ray of chest.

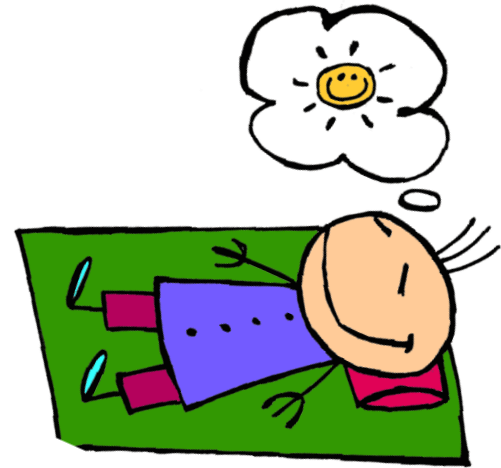
An x-ray is a special picture of the inside of my body.

It does not hurt to have an x-ray.



The x-ray tech will use a camera like this to take my x-ray.

Nothing will touch me during my x-ray.



It is important that I stay still so my x-ray will show up better.

All done



After my x-ray I will be all done.

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