

# PATIENT GUIDELINE

*This Guideline is intended to supplement the specific instructions from your health care provider.*

## **ON-Q**<sup>®</sup> Pain Relief System Redefining Recovery<sup>™</sup>

### WHAT IS THE ON-Q?

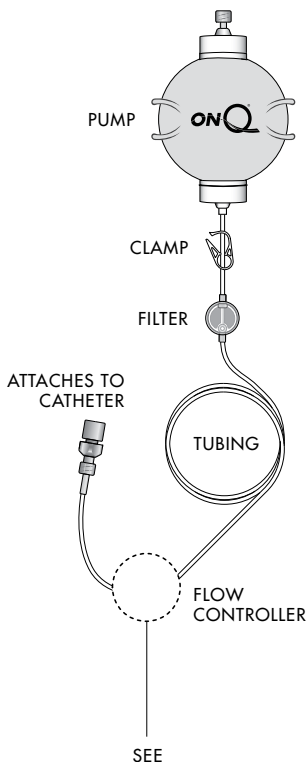
The ON-Q is a balloon type pump filled with a medicine to treat your pain.

It blocks the pain in the area of your procedure, giving you better pain relief than taking only a narcotic type medicine. With ON-Q, you may need to take less pain medicine.

### HOW DOES THE ON-Q WORK?

The pump is attached to a catheter or catheters (small tube near your procedure site). The pump automatically delivers the medicine at a very slow flow rate. Do not squeeze the pump. The pump has the force needed to deliver your medicine.

The pump is completely portable. It may be clipped to your clothing or dressing or placed in a small carrying case.



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## HOW DO I KNOW THE PUMP IS WORKING?

- The pump gives your medicine very slowly. **It may take longer than 24 hours after your procedure to notice a change in the size and look of the pump.** Your pump may look similar to this picture after 24 hours.
- Do not expect to see a change in the pump every hour.
- You will not see a fluid line or air space in the pump ball. The pump tubing will look clear and you will not see the medicine moving through the tubing.
- In time, the outside bag on the pump will begin to get looser and wrinkles will begin to form in the bag.
- As the medicine is delivered, the pump ball will gradually become smaller.
- You should also take your pain medicine as instructed by your doctor.
- **Check the following:**
  - ✓ Make sure the white clamp on the tubing is open (moves freely on the tubing).
  - ✓ Make sure there are no kinks in the pump tubing.
  - ✓ Do not tape or cover up the filter.
  - ✓ If you are using ice or cold therapy, place it away from the lower part of the pump tubing with the flow controller.

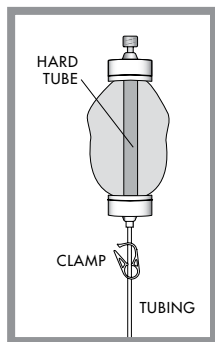


## HOW LONG WILL MY ON-Q LAST?

Depending on the size of your pump, it may take 2-5 days to give all the medicine.

All your medicine has been delivered when the ON-Q pump is no longer full. The outside bag will be flat and a hard tube can be felt in the middle of the pump.

Unless you have been given other instructions your doctor will remove the pump and catheter when all medicine has been delivered.



**WARNING:** The following symptoms may represent a serious medical condition. Immediately close the clamp on the pump tubing and call your doctor or 911 in case of an emergency to prevent serious patient injury.

- Increase in pain
- Difficulty breathing
- Redness, warmth, discharge or excessive bleeding from the catheter site.
- Pain, swelling or a large bruise around the catheter site
- Dizziness, light headedness
- Blurred vision
- Ringing, buzzing in your ears
- Metal taste in your mouth
- Numbness and/or tingling around your mouth, fingers or toes
- Drowsiness
- Confusion
- Other side effects:** \_\_\_\_\_

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### **PRECAUTIONS**

- Do not reuse.
- Protect the pump and catheter site from water according to your doctor's instructions.

### **SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS**

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## MEDICATION IN PUMP

### LOCAL ANESTHETIC

- Bupivacaine  Ropivacaine  
 0.125%  0.25%  0.2%  other \_\_\_\_\_  
 0.5%  other \_\_\_\_\_  Other \_\_\_\_\_

### NUMBNESS

Be aware that you may experience loss of feeling at and around the area of your procedure. If numbness occurs, take proper measures to avoid injury. Be careful when placing hot or cold items on a numb limb.

### OTHER MEDICATIONS

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### CATHETER

- Surgery Site  Nerve Block  Epidural

APPROXIMATE DATE INFUSION COMPLETE \_\_\_\_\_

### CALL YOUR DOCTOR FOR ALL MEDICAL QUESTIONS OR 911 FOR AN EMERGENCY

Doctor \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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