ON-Q® Pain Relief System
Patient Guidelines

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See figures A, B, and C to determine which flow controller you have and then follow the appropriate directions. ONDEMAND* and Select-A-Flow® devices may be combined with one pump. If you have neither, your pump is a Fixed Flow Rate flow controller.
What is the ON-Q* Pump?
The ON-Q* pump 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* Pump, you may need to take less pain medicine.

How does the ON-Q* Pump 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.

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.
• 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.

1. As the medicine is delivered, the pump ball will gradually become smaller. Your pump may look similar to the right image after 24 hours.

2. Make sure the white clamp on the tubing is open (moves freely on the tubing).

3. Make sure there are no kinks in the pump tubing.

4. Do not tape or cover up the filter.

5. If you are using ice or cold therapy, place it away from the lower part of the pump tubing with the flow controller.
ON-Q* Pain Relief System With Select-A-Flow* Device

The Select-A-Flow* device is a flow controller that allows your doctor to adjust the amount of medicine you receive to best meet your needs. The label on your Select-A-Flow* device may be either: Blue (1–7 ml/hr) or Purple (2–14 ml/hr).

**WARNING:** Do not change the flow rate on the Select-A-Flow* dial unless instructed by your doctor. Changing the flow rate without your doctor’s instruction may result in the wrong dose of medicine delivered which could cause serious injury.

- Do not tape tubing to skin. The Select-A-Flow* device should be worn outside your clothing.

**ADJUST YOUR FLOW RATE - IF YOUR DOCTOR HAS PERMITTED YOU**

1. Lift plastic cover
2. Turning dial towards + increases flow rate
   Turning dial towards - decreases flow rate
3. Make sure the entire number is within the window below the ml/hr ▼ mark
4. If the rate is not properly positioned in the window, you will not be able to close the cover
5. The cover will close completely, only when the flow rate is properly selected

**WHEN IS MY PUMP EMPTY?**

- 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.

**WHAT SHOULD I DO WHEN I’M SLEEPING?**

- Place pump on bedside table or on top of bed covers.
- Do not place pump under the bed covers, where the pump may become too warm.
- Do not place pump on the floor or hang pump from a bed post.

**WHAT SHOULD I DO WHEN I’M BATHING?**

- Your doctor will tell you when it’s ok for you to bathe or shower.
- Follow your doctors directions for bathing or showering. Take care to protect the catheter site, pump, and filter from water. Do not submerge the pump in water.

**Hard Tube**

- The outside bag will be flat and a hard tube can be felt in the middle of the pump
**ON-Q* Pain Relief System With ONDEMAND* Device**

The ONDEMAND* device is a flow controller that allows you to give an extra dose of medicine when needed if you continue to have pain. The ONDEMAND* device may be clipped to your carrying case or clothing.

![ON-Q* Pain Relief System With ONDEMAND* Device](image)

**WARNING:** There should NOT be a red tab in your ONDEMAND* device (see Figure 1). If there is, close the clamp on the pump tubing and call your doctor because you may be receiving more medication than expected.

**TO RECEIVE AN EXTRA DOSE OF MEDICINE**
- If instructed by your doctor, follow their instructions on how often you may give a bolus.

1. Press down on the bolus button until the button locks into place. The medicine will be delivered and the bolus button will pop up after a few minutes. The bolus will then begin to refill. The orange bolus refill indicator on the side of the ONDEMAND* shows you how much medicine is in the bolus.

2. Another full dose of medicine is available when the orange bolus refill indicator is at the top level. This will take approximately 30 or 60 minutes. (See bolus label). Pressing the button before the end of the refill time will give you only a portion of the medicine dose.

**WARNING:** If bolus button will not latch or does not pop back up after 30 minutes, close the clamp on your pump tubing and call your doctor because you may be receiving more medication than expected.

3. If you don't see Select-A-Flow* or ONDEMAND* device, then your pump has a Fixed Flow Rate.

**ON-Q* Fixed Flow Rate**

If you don't see Select-A-Flow* or ONDEMAND* device, then your pump has a Fixed Flow Rate.

- Make sure that the lower part of the pump tubing with the flow controller is next to your skin. This will allow the pump to give medicine in the right amount of time.
- If you are using ice or cold therapy, place it away from the lower part of the pump tubing with the flow controller.

**Troubleshooting**

**TUBING DISCONNECTION:**
- If the pump tubing accidently becomes disconnected from your catheter, DO NOT put it back in. Close the clamp on your pump tubing and call your doctor for instructions.

**LEAKING:**
- If leaking from the pump or pump tubing occurs:
  - Close the clamp on the tubing and call your doctor.
  - Please save the pump for your doctor to return to I-Flow.

**CAUTION:** The ONDEMAND* bolus should be worn outside your clothing and kept at room temperature.
**WARNING:** The following symptoms or situations 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
- Fever, chills, sweats
- Bowel or bladder changes
- 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
- Catheter disconnects from the pump or leaking occurs at the pump connection
- Other side effects: ________________________________
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**CAUTIONS**

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

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS**

**MEDICATION IN PUMP**

**LOCAL ANESTHETIC**

Drug Name ________________________________

Drug Concentration ________________________________

**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 area.

**OTHER MEDICATIONS**

- Surgery Site
- Nerve Block
- Epidural

**APPROXIMATE DATE INFUSION COMPLETE**

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

Doctor ________________________________

Phone ________________________________

Next Appt ________________________________