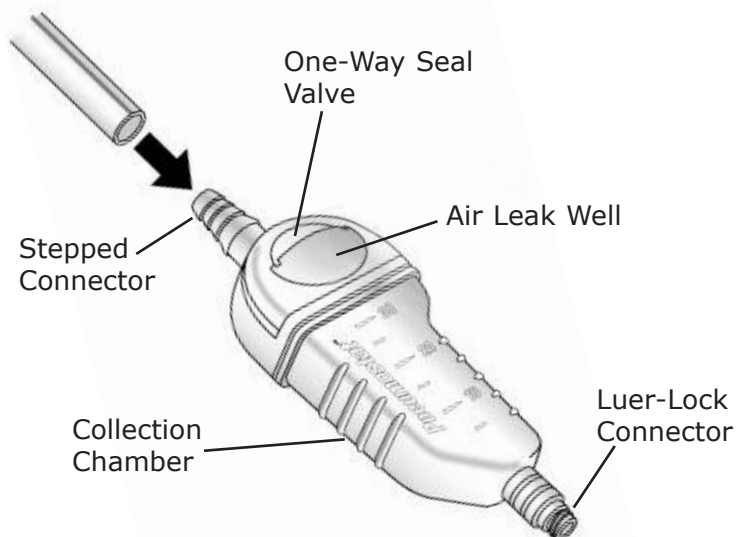


## Warnings:

1. Do not obstruct the air leak well.
2. Do not clamp the patient tube during use.
3. Do not use or puncture the needleless luer port with a needle.
4. Do not leave a syringe attached to the needleless luer port.
5. Do not connect any luer-lock connector to the needleless luer port located on the bottom of the chest drain valve.



**IMPORTANT: If at any time if you have any concerns or questions, contact your nurse or physician.**



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# Pneumostat™ Chest Drain Valve

## Atrium Pneumostat™ Patient Instructions For Use



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You are ready to go home, but still need your chest tube. A small device, called an Atrium Pneumostat, has been placed on the end of your chest tube to help you get better.

### **About The Atrium Pneumostat**

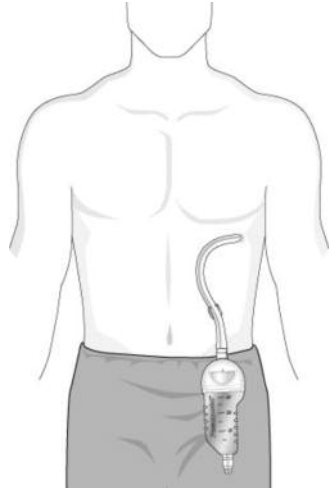
The Atrium Pneumostat is made to allow air and a little fluid to escape from your chest until your lung heals. The device will hold 30ml of fluid. Empty the device as often as needed (see directions below) and keep track of how much you empty each day.

### **Items Needed for Home Use**

- Atrium Pneumostat Chest Drain Valve (provided by hospital)
- Luer-lock syringes to empty drainage, if needed (provided by hospital)
- Wound dressings (provided by hospital)

### **Securing the Pneumostat**

Utilize the pre-attached garment clip to secure the Pneumostat to your clothes. It is small and light enough that you won't even feel it hanging at your side. Make sure to keep the Pneumostat in an upright position as much as possible. Before lying down to sleep or rest, empty the Pneumostat so there will be no fluid to potentially leak out.



### **Wound Dressing**

You have a dressing around your chest tube. This should be changed at least every other day or as prescribed by your doctor.

### **Showering/Bathing**

Showering with a chest tube is all right as long as you don't submerge the tube or device in water. No baths, swimming, or hot tubs.

### **Note**

This device is very important and the tubing must stay attached to the end of your chest tube.

- If it falls off, reconnect it immediately and tape it securely.
- If it falls off and you can't get it back together, go to the closest hospital emergency room.

### **Emptying the Pneumostat**

- Keep the Pneumostat in an upright position and make sure the tubing stays firmly attached to the end of your chest tube. Make sure the Pneumostat stays clean and dry. Do not allow the Pneumostat to completely fill with fluid or it may start to leak out. If fluid does leak out, clean off the Pneumostat and use a Q-tip to dry out the valve.



- If the Pneumostat becomes full with fluid, empty it using a luer-lock syringe. Firmly screw the luer-lock onto the port located on the bottom of the Pneumostat.



- Pull the plunger back on the syringe to empty the fluid. When the syringe is full, unscrew the syringe and empty the fluid into the nearest suitable receptacle. Repeat as necessary. If it becomes difficult to empty the fluid using a syringe, squirt water through the port to flush out the blockage or consult your nurse or physician. The Pneumostat may need to be changed out.

