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**PROCEDURE:**

Percutaneous Nephrostomy Tube Insertion

**DISCHARGE INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 1) Do not pull on or apply any traction to the tube.
- 2) The urine in the tube may fluctuate in color between yellow and pink. This is to be expected because of the irritation from the tube.
- 3) Continue to take your routine medication unless your doctor has advised you differently.
- 4) The dressing pad around the tube may need to be changed periodically. This can be done by the nurse during his/her visit.
- 5) If the dressing becomes loose, place some tape over it to secure it to the skin.
- 6) You will be given a leg drainage bag for day use and a larger bag for night use.
- 7) Take any antibiotics if they have been prescribed.
- 8) Do not take aspirin or aspirin type products for the next week.
- 9) The tube will need to be changed (replaced) every 6 – 8 weeks.
- 10) Call your urologist. He will want to see you in about 2-4 weeks.

**CALL YOUR DOCTOR:**

If the urine in the tube becomes bright red or if the urinary drainage stops.  
If you develop fever or chills.  
If you begin to experience pain at the tube site or in the bladder area.