Mammosite Patient Care Instructions

Keep the catheter site clean and dry
Wear a support bra at all times
Sponge baths only—DO NOT shower
Do not remove any caps from the ends of the catheter
Change the dressing if it becomes wet or your doctor tells you to change it
The dressing should be changed twice a day; once in the morning and once in the evening.

Follow these instructions to change the dressing:
1. Wash your hands with soap and water.
2. Remove the old dressing and throw it away.
3. Wash your hands again with soap and water.
4. Clean around the catheter with Hydrogen Peroxide using a Q-tip.
5. Allow the area to dry and apply a thin film of Bacitracin.
6. Cover the area by putting the split gauze pad around the catheter.
7. Apply another gauze pad over the catheter.
8. Apply an Abd pad over the dressings and secure with the special bra supplied to you. DO NOT USE ANY ADHESIVE TAPE TO THE DRESSINGS.

Call your doctor if you develop any of the following:
1. Fever greater than 100 degrees.
2. Redness or red streaks on your breast.
3. Swelling or warmth in your breast.
4. Sudden drainage of a large amount of fluid from the catheter site. (A small amount of thin, clear or reddish drainage is expected)
5. Foul odor or a creamy, pale yellow or yellow-green drainage from the catheter site.

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Supplies needed while receiving radiation treatment via mammosite

The below supplies are approximate amounts, you may need more or less. The nursing care of the mammosite catheter will be reviewed after the catheter is placed.
1. Q-tips (approx. 25)
2. Hydrogen Peroxide to clean around the catheter
3. Bacitracin or antibiotic ointment (1 tube)
4. 4 x 4 gauge sponges (approx. 20)
5. Abd pads (available at your local pharmacy, size 8 x 10 inches) approx. 5