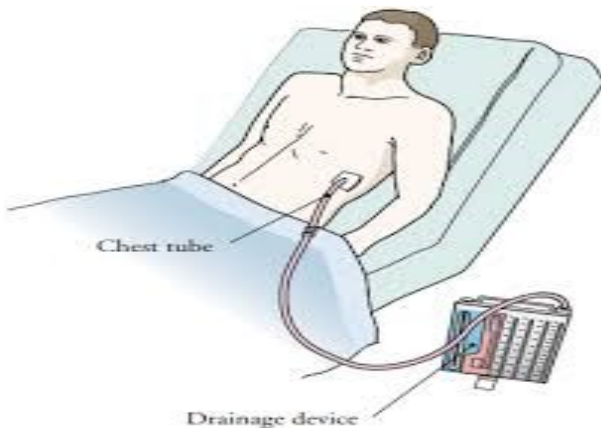


- **Chest tube**- this is a tube that is used to drain the liquids that are produced in your lung normally
- **Intravenous Catheter(IV)**- To help give fluids into your veins during surgery and after as needed.
- **Foley catheter**- This is a tube placed into your bladder during surgery and used to monitor your urine output
- **Heart Monitor**-is a small box that is connected to leads that are placed (by tape) on your chest



CARING FOR YOUR SELF AFTER THORACOTOMY

- **PAIN MANAGEMENT**

-You will be given a prescription for pain medication-DO NOT TAKE THE MEDICINE ON AN EMPTY STOMACH.

- **CONSTIPATION**

-Pain medication can make you constipated. Please eat a high fiber diet, and take in plenty of fluids.

- **TAKING CARE OF THE INCISION**

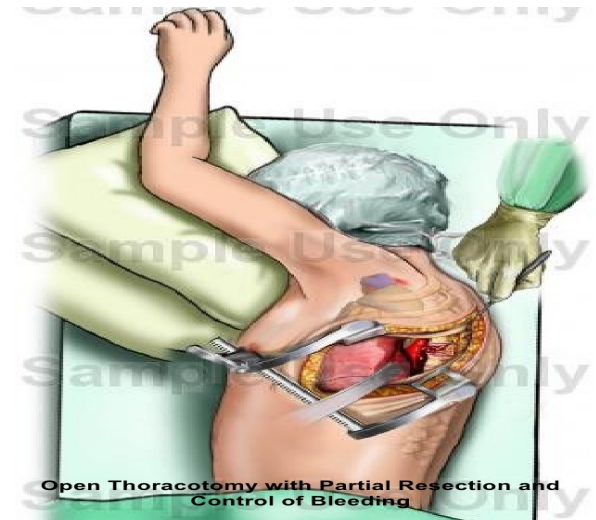
-Please gently wash your incisions with soap and water daily in the shower; no tub baths/swimming pools, hot tubs

-If you notice signs of infection or inflammation- redness, drainage, swelling or run a fever you need to contact the doctor.



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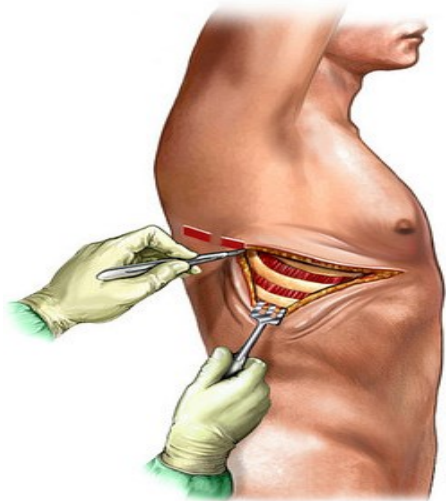
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THORACOTOMY

- This incision to remove portions of your lung, either a wedge, a lobe, or the whole lung itself.
- What needs to be removed is based on your current medical issue. We also use this incision to remove cysts, diaphragms or remove portions of your chest wall .



WHERE THE THORACOTOMY ARE PERFORMED

- Your surgery will be performed at the cardiovascular center.

PREPARATION BEFORE THE PROCEDURE

- **Do not** take any nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory medication prior 1 week before operation
- **Do not** smoke cigarettes for at least 4 weeks prior to your operation
- You will not be able to eat or drink after midnight prior to this surgery
- **DO** use your incentive spirometer, at least 30 times a day

WHAT I CAN EXPECT DURING THE PROCEDURE

- You will be under general anesthesia for this surgery.
- The length of the operation will generally be about 3-4 hours

IN THE HOSPITAL/ IMMEDIATELY AFTER SUR- GERY

After surgery, when you awake from the general anesthesia you will have a few tubes and catheters which are important and will allow us to monitor you.

