**Observations post insertion**

* Direct observation for the first 15 minutes
* Basic observations every 15 mins for 1st hour, every hour for the next 3 hours and every 4 hours until removal
* Observe site for signs of infection / disconnection / air leak and or displacement
* Ensure drain bottle positioned below level of chest
* **Maximum 1000mls then clamp for 1 hour. Then maximum 2000mls in the first 24 hours\***
* Record amount and type of drainage
* Ensure patient is comfortable and has adequate analgesia

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| **Date/time of insertion:** |  | **Type of drain:** | Seldinger | 🞏 | Surgical / Open | 🞏 |
| **Consultant:** |  | Rocket Thoracentesis Catheter | 🞏 | Indwelling pleural catheter (IPC) | 🞏 |
| **Ward:** |  | **Size of drain:** | 6F / 12F / 18F/ 20F/ 22F/ 24F/ 26F/ 28F |
| **Indication:** | Pleural effusion / Pneumothorax / Empyema / Heamothorax / Other …………………………… |

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|  | **Red Flags** |  |
|  | Respiratory rate |  |
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| **Call for help!** |

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