

Chemoembolization of Liver Tumors

WHAT IS CHEMOEMBOLIZATION

You have had a procedure in which the blood supply to your liver tumor has been blocked. This is accomplished by using small particles and anticancer drugs which are administered directly into the tumor. Without blood flow, the drug stays in the liver longer to work directly on the tumor.

AFTER CARE

Avoid exertion for at least one week.

Side effects depend on many factors, including the type and extent of the treatment.

Side effects may not be the same for each patient.

Sometimes, you may have symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, fever and abdominal pain.

Some patients may feel very tired for several weeks after the treatment.

You may shower tomorrow.

Drink plenty of fluids, at least six to eight cups for the first day following the procedure.

Keep a bandage over the groin site until healed. Check the groin for swelling and bruising at the site.

You may change the bandage daily.

WHEN TO CALL THE OFFICE

For swelling or bleeding at puncture site

For a temperature greater than 101.5

For pain not controlled by prescription medicine

For nausea and vomiting not controlled by prescription medicine

For questions, please call the Cardiovascular Interventional Radiology Nurse Coordinator at 617-724-2239 between the hours of 8am-4:30pm Monday through Friday. When calling after 4:30pm or on weekends and holidays, call the Cardiovascular Interventional Radiology Fellow on call at 617-726-8314 and follow the instructions.



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