

Dr. Olivia M. White **MDH General Surgery**

INFUSAPORT PLACEMENT

- Your stitches are dissolvable and located under the skin, they will not be removed. Treat skin glue like a scab. It will peel off in 10-14 days. You may shower today; do not soak the incision under water in a bathtub/pool for 2 weeks.
- Use pain medications as prescribed. Use ice packs as needed for pain/swelling.
- Call the office if you are having uncontrolled pain.
- You have no activity restrictions.
- You have no dietary restrictions.
- You may use your new port at any time after placement.
- Call the office if you experience the following: fever >101.5F, worsening pain or swelling, excessive bleeding or drainage from your incision/wound.
- If you have concerns after hours, you may reach the on-call surgeon by calling McDonough District Hospital at (309) 833-4101.
- Dr. White's office phone number: (309) 833-3706

INFUSAPORT (PORT) FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- How will my port be accessed?
 - Your port must be accessed by using a special needle called a Huber needle, which is a type of non-coring needle. Use of other types of needles may permanently damage your port and are not recommended. The Huber needle will pass through your skin and into the silicone septum of the port. This will allow blood draws as well as infusions.
- What can be given through a port?
 - Medications, including chemotherapy
 - Blood products
 - Fluids
 - Parenteral nutrition
- How long does a port stay in place?
 - Your port may remain in place for as long as needed, as long as it has been properly maintained. Your port may be removed at any time that you no longer need or want it.
- What kind of maintenance does a port require?
 - Ports must be flushed at certain time intervals to ensure they remain patent. The flushing schedule may be found on your port informational brochure and may vary between types of ports and different brands.
- Why is my port no longer functioning?
 - Ports may malfunction for a variety of reasons including: clogging/clotting, kinking, flipping or becoming mispositioned. Please discuss with your doctor if you are having issues with port malfunction.