



Your Nerve Block & Home Pump: How To Remove Your Tunneled Catheter

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Before Removing the Tubing

- Wait until your limb is not numb and the pump is empty or when instructed by your pain physician
- Do not cut the catheter.
- Stop if you experience pain during removal and call OHSU (503 494-8311): ask for the Home Pump Physician On-Call.

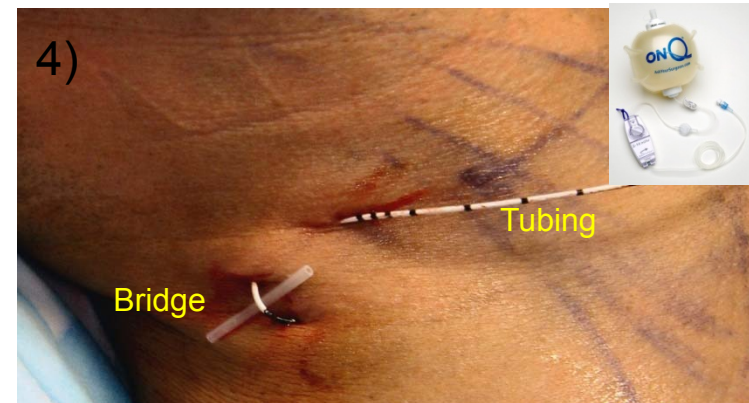
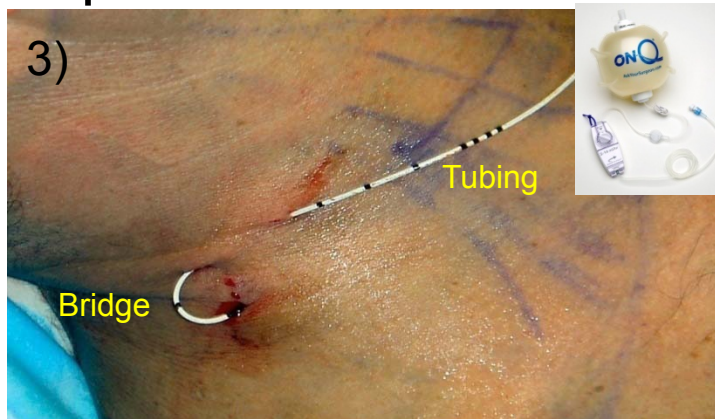
How to Remove the Tubing

Do not remove the catheter until your limb is no longer numb.

1. Wash your hands
2. Gently remove all dressings
3. First pull on the bridge-tubing to remove it from the wound.
4. Pull on the tubing attached to the pump.



DO NOT CUT TUBING.



Problems?

- Do not know what to do?
- Are you experiencing pain during the removal?
- Is the tubing stuck?
 - **STOP**
 - **DO NOT CUT TUBING**

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