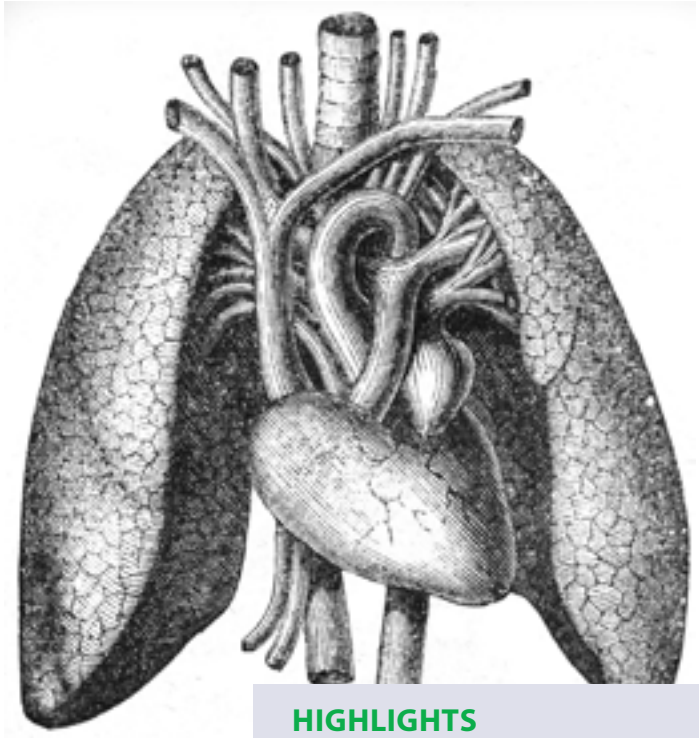
CHEST DRAINAGE AS A THERAPEUTIC INTERVENTION: GETTING BACK TO BASICS



WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND?

It is not uncommon for nurses to encounter a patient with a chest tube at some point during their career; in most cases fairly frequently if working in the perioperative environment or surgical patient care unit. Therefore, it is essential for nurses to feel comfortable with chest tube management as it is critical to the patient's overall health. In recent years, there have been developments and modifications to thoracostomy tubes and it is imperative that nurses are familiar with the indications and principles of safe chest drainage management. This educational activity will provide nurses with an understanding of the basic anatomy and physiology related to conditions requiring chest drainage. An overview of the types of chest drains, indications for effective use and key management factors will be described. The safe and effective use of chest drainage systems will be discussed so that nurses can provide high quality care for their patients to achieve optimal care outcomes.

DESCRIPTION

This continuing education activity is intended for a registered nurse, surgical technologist, or other healthcare professional who wants to learn more or needs to gain knowledge and skills in the safe and effective use of chest drainage systems.

ACCREDITATION INFORMATION

California Board of Registered Nursing

Association of periOperative Registered Nurses is provider-approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, Provider Number CEP 13019 for **2.0 contact hours**.

NCCT

The National Center for Competency Testing (NCCT) has approved this program for **2.0 contact hours**.

HIGHLIGHTS

After completing this continuing education activity, the participant should be able to:

1. Explain the anatomy and physiology of the thorax and the role of respiration.
2. Describe the thoracic pathologies which may warrant the clinical need for chest drainage or evacuation to help re-establish normal intrathoracic pressure.
3. Explain the differences among chest drainage systems while comparing wet systems with dry systems.
4. Discuss best practices and special considerations with chest drainage systems.
5. Review complications and troubleshooting associated with chest drainage systems.

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