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CathGuard™ **Patient Catheter Protective Pocket** **Instructions for Use - P/N 7001-3920**

Indications for Use:

The RPC CathGuard™ Patient Catheter Protective Pocket is intended as a protective device for external central lumen catheters, and to provide comfort for the dialysis patient between dialysis treatments. Exterior catheter immobilization provided by the CathGuard™ may reduce trauma due to pulling at the central line site.

Warnings and Precautions:

CathGuard™ is a disposable device and regular replacement at each dialysis treatment is recommended. CathGuard™ is not intended for use as a central line site *dressing* and provides no protection to the site itself. CathGuard™ is non-sterile. Follow the instructions provided by your medical provider for central line dressing care. CathGuard™ is water-resistant but not water-proof.

Instructions for use (see figure below):

1. Carefully place the CathGuard™ pocket over the exterior lumen of the central line catheter.
2. Slide the catheter lumen and caps into the CathGuard™. Avoid pulling on the catheter site.
3. With the catheter in place inside the CathGuard™, remove the two adhesive strip covers on the back of the CathGuard™ and secure it to the patient's skin. Use of a skin prep will improve CathGuard™ adherence and may increase patient comfort by reducing skin irritation.

