

## CathGuard™ Patient Catheter Protective Pocket Instructions for Use REF 7001-3920

## **Indications for Use:**

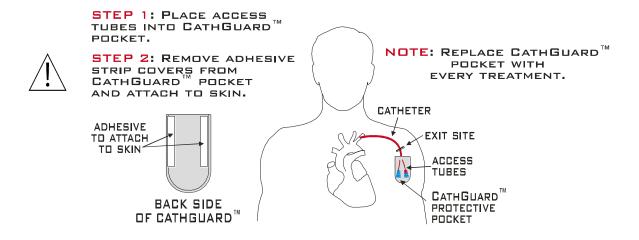
The RPC CathGuard<sup>™</sup> Patient Catheter Protective Pocket is intended as a protective device for external central lumen catheters, and to provide comfort for the dialysis patient between dialysis treatments. Exterior catheter immobilization provided by the CathGuard<sup>™</sup> may reduce discomfort and irritation due to pulling at the central line site. CathGuard<sup>™</sup> protects the catheter and supports the catheter in its functionality as a medical product. CathGuard<sup>™</sup> use without a catheter is not possible; therefore it is an accessory to a catheter medical product.

## **Warnings and Precautions:**

CathGuard<sup>TM</sup> is a disposable device and regular replacement at each dialysis treatment is recommended. CathGuard<sup>TM</sup> is not intended for use as a central line site *dressing* and provides no protection to the site itself. CathGuard<sup>TM</sup> is non-sterile. Follow the instructions provided by your medical provider for central line dressing care. CathGuard<sup>TM</sup> 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<sup>™</sup>, remove the two adhesive strip covers on the back of the CathGuard<sup>™</sup> and secure it to the patient's skin. Use of a skin prep will improve CathGuard<sup>™</sup> adherence and may increase patient comfort by reducing skin irritation.



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