

NURSING 202 – ADVANCED CONCEPTS OF NURSING
CLASS PREP - CHEST TRAUMA: CHEST TUBES & DRAINAGE SYSTEMS

It is important for the nurse to provide competent care when the patient has a chest tube. Independently review chest tube care and answer the following questions.

1. What should be your focal assessments for a patient with a chest tube?
2. Define the term “tidaling”.
3. Why might tidaling fail to occur?
4. Define/describe the term “bubbling”.
5. What causes bubbling?
6. What is an acceptable safety measure regarding tubing connections for chest tubes and drainage tubing?
7. What is the generally ordered suction pressure for a chest tube drainage system?
8. What pressure should you set the wall suction regulator to?
9. What type of dressing would be used for a chest tube dressing?
10. Name 2 priority nursing diagnoses when providing care to the patient who has a chest tube.