

# Peripheral Regional Anesthesia

## Pain Ball Information

### ON-Q\* PAIN RELIEF SYSTEM – PAIN RELIEF RIGHT WHERE YOU NEED IT

The ON-Q\* system is a small disposable pump filled with a local anesthetic medication to relieve your pain after surgery. It continuously delivers the

medication, which blocks the pain in the area of your procedure. With the ON-Q\* system, you may get better pain relief than by taking narcotics alone. You may also need to take less narcotic medication.

### HOW THE ON-Q\* PAIN RELIEF SYSTEM WORKS

The pump is connected to a small catheter (tube), which is inserted by your surgeon or anesthesiologist. Depending on your procedure, the catheter will be placed near the surgical incision site or under the skin next to a nerve near the surgical area.

The ON-Q\* pump continuously delivers the medication at a very slow flow rate. It is completely portable and may be clipped to your clothing or placed in a small carrying case.



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

<https://mypainpump.com/faq/>

### WILL THE ON-Q\* SYSTEM TREAT ALL OF MY PAIN?

Patients experience different levels of pain. The ON-Q\* system works with other medications or therapies

your doctor may prescribe to manage your pain after surgery. With the ON-Q\* system, you may need less narcotics and have better pain relief than with narcotics alone.

### HOW DO I KNOW THE PUMP IS WORKING?

The pump delivers your medication very slowly. It may take longer than 24 hours after your procedure to notice a change in the size and look

of the pump. As the medication is delivered, the pump (ball) will gradually become smaller. You should also take any other pain medicine as instructed by your doctor.

### HOW LONG WILL MY ON-Q\* PUMP LAST?

Depending on the size of your pump, it may take 2-5 days to give all the medication. All the

medication has been delivered when the ON-Q\* pump is no longer full. The outside bag will be flat and a hard tube can be felt in the center of the pump.

### WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT MY PUMP?

You should be provided with a Patient Guideline prior to discharge (it may be in your carry case).

Patient Guidelines can also be found on [www.myON-Q.com](http://www.myON-Q.com). There is a 24-hour Product Support Hotline for questions about your pump (800) 444-2728. Please call your doctor for all medical questions, and dial 911 for an emergency.

## Resources

Patient Brochure ([English](#)) ([Spanish](#))

Catheter Removal Guide ([English](#)) ([Spanish](#))

ON-Q Fixed Flow ([English](#)) ([Spanish](#))

Patient Guidelines ([English](#) only)