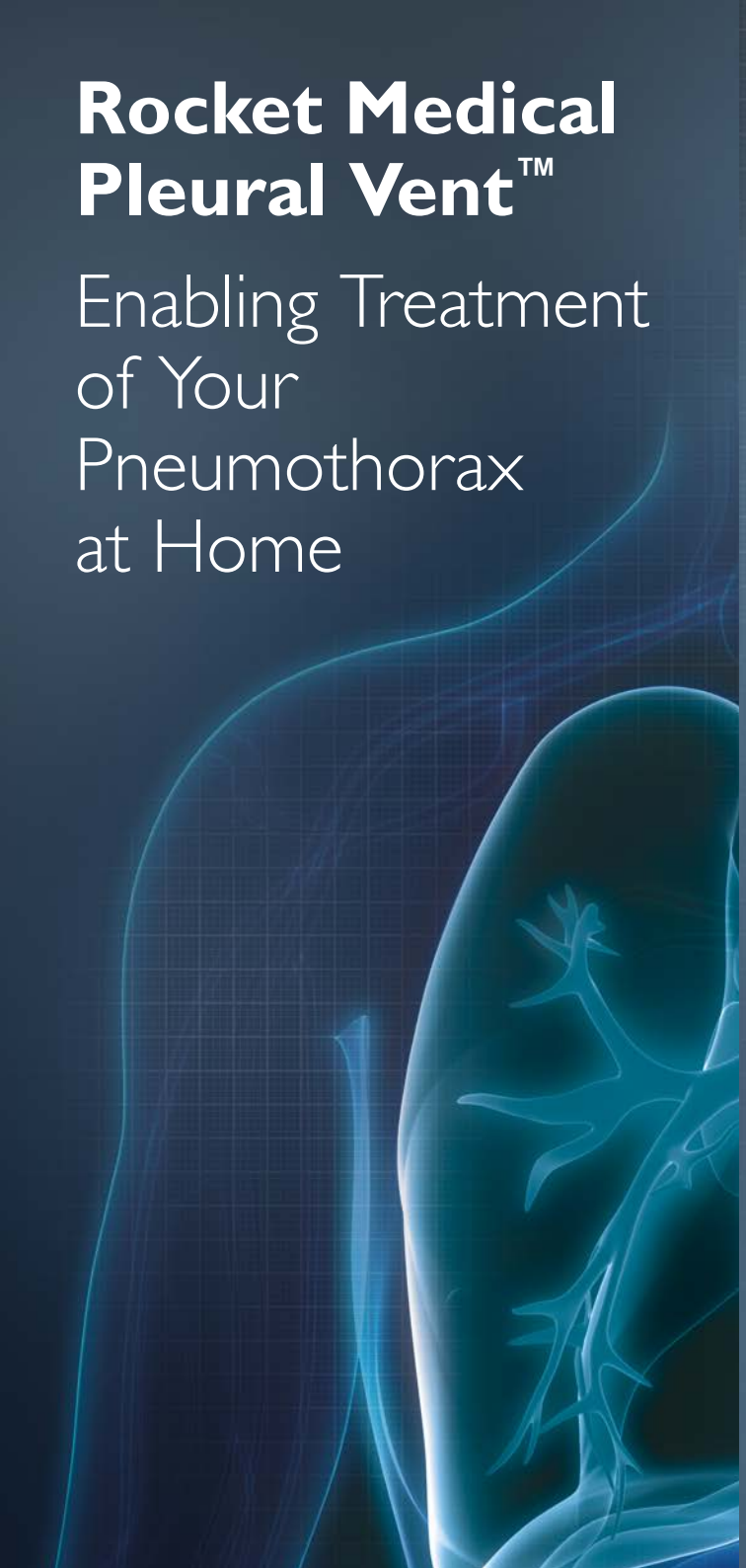
# Rocket Medical Pleural Vent™

## Enabling Treatment of Your Pneumothorax at Home



**Your next appointment is:**

Date:

Time:

Location:

**For information about your device, appointment or condition please contact your hospital clinical team on:**

Tel:

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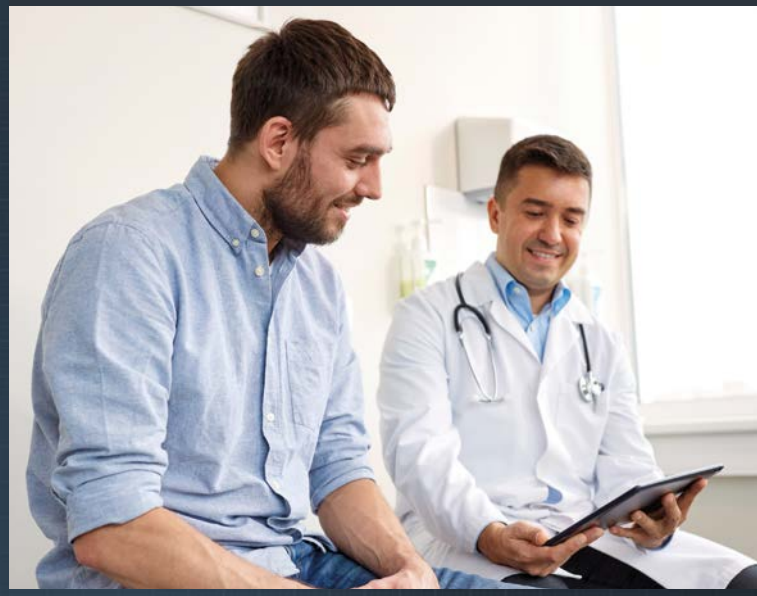
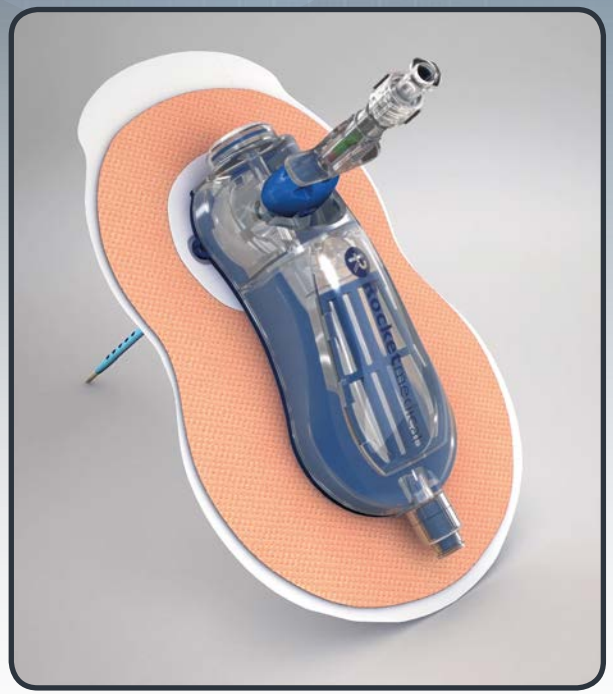


# What is the Rocket Medical Pleural Vent™?

The Rocket Medical Pleural Vent is a medical device that is used to treat pneumothorax. A pneumothorax is a build-up of air around the outside of the lung which can cause pain and difficulty breathing.

The Pleural Vent consists of a soft, thin catheter connected to a one-way valve inside a chamber. It allows air from the space around your lungs to safely escape from the chest, helping your pneumothorax to resolve over a period of days.

The catheter portion of the Pleural Vent sits inside the chest and the valve and chamber sits on the front of the chest. It is held in place by a sticky dressing and/or sutures.



# What happens after the Pleural Vent™ is placed in hospital?

The clinical team will check to ensure the vent is working as it should, and as long as there are no complications you should be allowed to go home. While at home, the air will continue to be 'vented' from your chest, giving your pneumothorax an opportunity to heal. This may take several days.

You can monitor the vent yourself to see if air is still escaping from your chest. There is a small, blue diaphragm on top of the device which will move up and down if air is escaping (see image below).

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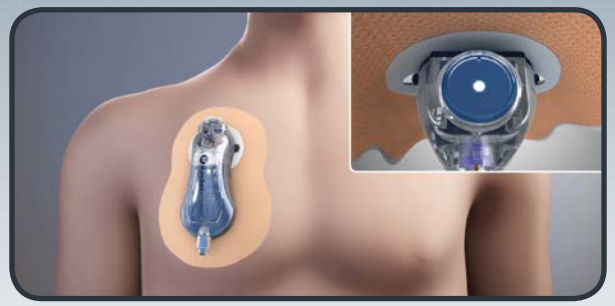
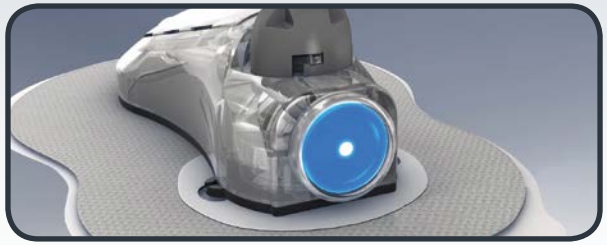
a build-up of air around the lung which can cause pain and difficulty breathing.





***Fluid Collection Chamber:***
Sometimes fluid can come out of the chest in addition to air. The Pleural Vent can hold 26ml of fluid. In order for the device to continue to work correctly the fluid must be removed.

The removal of fluid is a simple process. Your clinical team may perform this task or show you how to do this yourself.

# Follow-Up

Your hospital clinical team will organise a follow-up appointment for you to be reviewed.

***Any concerns:***
If you have any issues with your Pleural Vent, follow the appropriate advice below:

***Contact your hospital clinical team:***
- If the diaphragm has stopped moving and you have no pain or discomfort.

***Call 999 or go to the Emergency Department:***
- If you have severe chest pain or difficulty breathing.