A biliary tube has been inserted through your side into your liver because your liver is blocked. This allows bile to drain. The tube is attached to a drainage bag to collect the bile. While you have this tube in place there are some instructions you must follow to care for the tube.

General Care:
- After the tube is inserted, some blood in the bile is normal. It should clear within 24 hours.
- Keep the bile drainage bag lower than your waist.
- Avoid tension or pulling on the tube.
- Go about your regular daily activity unless your doctor has told you otherwise.
- Empty the bile drainage bag when it is about half full. The amount and color may change daily.
- Follow the instructions you were given about caring for your dressing and fixation device.
- Bathing
  - Do not take a tub bath while the tube is in place. You may shower and pat dry.
  - Do not shower or take a tub bath while the tube is in place.

Call Interventional Radiology if:
- Bile stops draining.
- There is blood in the bile more than 24 hours after the tube has been in place.
- The tube is pulled out part or all of the way.
- You have a fever or chills.
- Bile is leaking around the tube.
- The fixation device dressing is soaked with bile or is falling off.
- You have any questions about your biliary tube.

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After 4 p.m. and on weekends, call the Radiology Department and ask to speak to the technologist on call.
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