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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. How does the GOBlock™ work?

The GOBlock™ consists of two ‘balloons’ that are inflated with a local anesthetic medication. The medication is delivered via tubing and catheter to the nerve block site at a constant flow rate. The GOBlock™ is portable and disposable, and can be worn by the patient until all medication is infused. No clinical or patient intervention is required for the GOBlock™ to function.

2. What are the benefits of using a GOBlock™?

There are many benefits of using a GOBlock™ Rapid Recovery System, some of which include:

- * Continuous pain relief
- * Easy to use! No programming or batteries required
- * Lasts much longer than single shot injections
- * Reduced clinical intervention
- * Portable, so patient can begin recovering much faster - without narcotic side effects!

3. How can I tell if the GOBlock™ is working?

The light colored ‘balloons’ will gradually decrease in size as the medication is dispensed. Please note that the change is so slow you will not be able to see it decrease immediately. Instead, it will decrease at a rate of 8ml or 10ml per hour over time, depending on the GOBlock™ selected. The medication will be fully dispensed when the ‘balloons’ become visibly flat on all sides, appearing like a thick pencil. Sometimes sides are not evenly flat. This is normal and not cause for alarm. If you notice that the pump is not working properly, close the clamp and call the Symbios Patient Hotline at 1.866.844.5443 or call your doctor.

4. What medications are used with GOBlock™ ?

Most anesthesiologists will use a local anesthetic, usually preferring ropivacaine. The choice of medication is the sole decision of the prescribing physician. Drug manufacturer guidelines should be followed at all times for dosing.

5. How long does the pump last?

Product	Reservoir Volume	Flow Rate	Approx. Infusion Time	Re-order Number	Units Per Case
GOBlock 8ml	600ml (300ml/side)	8ml/hr	3 days	B600-00008x1	5
GOBlock 10ml	600ml (300ml/side)	10ml/hr	2.5 days	B600-00010x1	5

6. What should I do when the GOBlock™ is empty?

When the GOBlock™ is finished infusing, it will be up to the prescribing physician to determine if they will remove the catheter during an office visit, or if the patient will remove the catheter at home. Patients should follow the instructions of their physician for removal.

7. Can patients shower with the GOBlock™?

Patients should follow their surgeon’s or anesthesiologist’s instructions for showering following their procedure. They may shower with the GOBlock™, but they should be careful not to get the pump or any associated items wet.

8. Is there any latex in the GOBlock™?

No. The GOBlock™ is completely latex-free.

9. Can this device be used with any other pain relievers?

The GOBlock™ should drastically reduce or eliminate the need for narcotics or additional pain relievers. However, any medications prescribed by the surgeon or anesthesiologist can be safely taken while wearing the pump.

10. Are there reimbursement codes for the GOBlock™?

CPT codes for continuous nerve block procedures are as follows:

- Continuous brachial plexus: 64416
- Continuous sciatic: 64446
- Continuous femoral: 64448
- Continuous lumbar plexus: 64449
- Peripheral nerve/branch: 64450

For questions about reimbursement coding and billing, call our toll-free hotline at **1.866.708.8484**

For questions about the GOBlock™ or for patient help, call our toll-free patient hotline at **1.866.744.4219**

Departmental Roles & Responsibilities

Anesthesia:

- Educate caregivers regarding blocks and what to expect
Be sure postoperative orders include details about GOBlock™

Pharmacy:

- Order sufficient quantity of preferred medication (typically ropivacaine)

Physical Therapy:

- Use standard fall precautions with patients who have lower extremity blocks
Report back to anesthesia if patient experiences significant muscle weakness

PACU:

- Inform patient and caregivers of the GOBlock™ 24-hr patient hotline: **1.866.744.4219**
Provide patient and caregivers with an overview of GOBlock™ functionality
Ensure patient has prescription for rescue medications, if needed
Provide patient and caregivers with GOBlock™ patient information brochure
Use standard fall precautions with patients who have lower extremity blocks

Floor Nurses:

- Use standard fall precautions with patients who have lower extremity blocks
Report back to anesthesia if patient experiences significant muscle weakness



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