

PORT PLACEMENT / REMOVAL

When patients are in need of intravenous chemotherapy, they may require of port.

The port is a catheter that is placed to give the chemotherapy, and to draw blood from it. This procedure is done under a twilight sleep sedation. At our center, the port we use is placed directly underneath the skin.

Most patients find the port to be a very useful tool, as it spares the patient from multiple needle sticks in their arm. Patient with difficult veins should have a port placed for ease through their chemotherapy.

Upon completion of the chemotherapy, the port is then removed under a twilight sleep.

The placement and removal of the port is done on an outpatient basis.