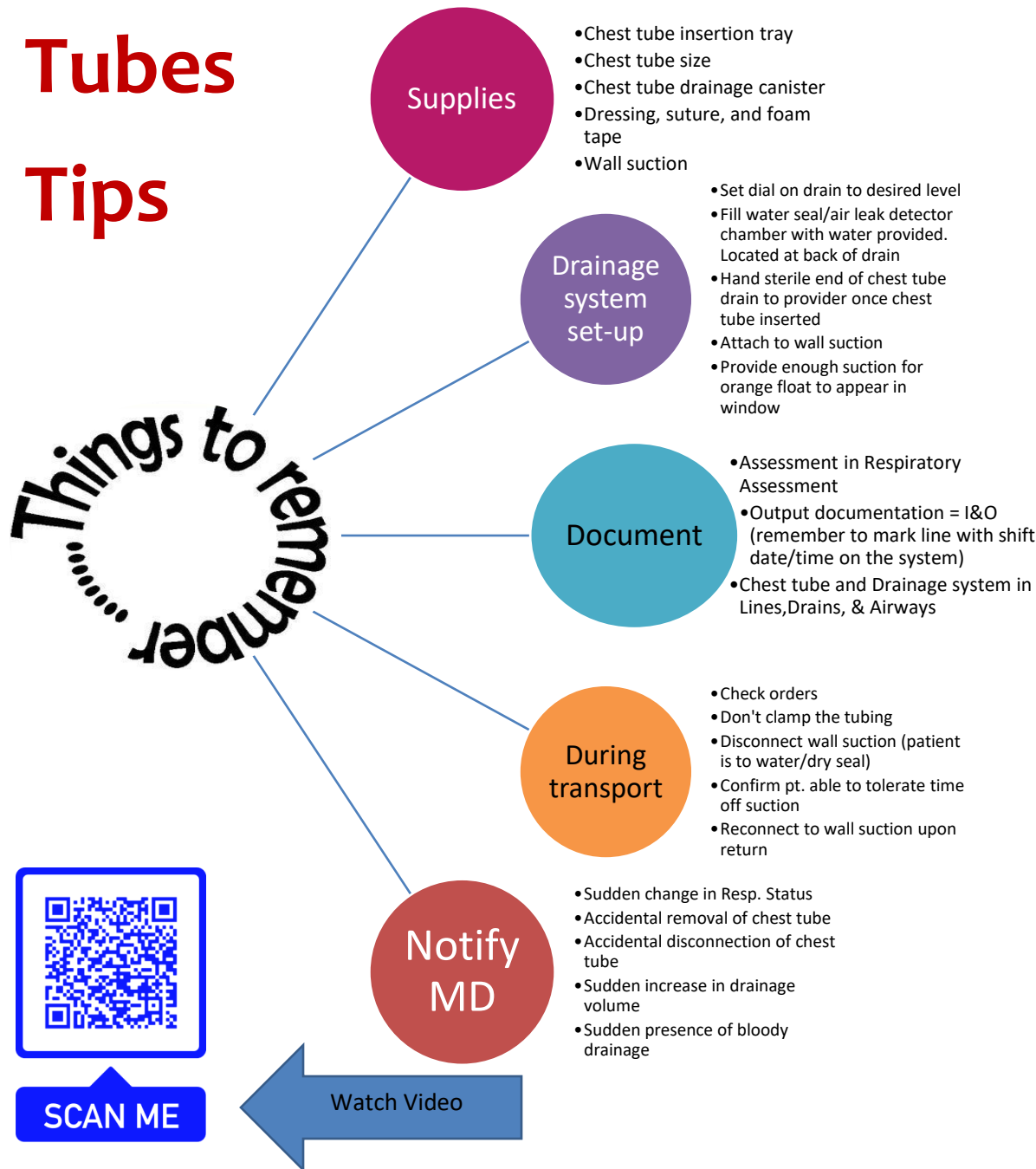


# Chest Tubes Tips



## What if?

Chest Tube is disconnected	Chest Tube comes out	Chest Tube system tips over
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Place tip in sterile water.</li> <li>2. Stay with patient.</li> <li>3. Assess patient</li> <li>4. Call MD</li> <li>5. Initiate a Rapid Response/STAT team if necessary.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Assess patient</li> <li>2. Apply Vaseline gauze and cover with 4x4 and tape 3 sides.</li> <li>3. Call MD</li> <li>4. Stay with patient</li> <li>5. Initiate a Rapid Response/STAT team if necessary</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Set upright again.</li> <li>2. Consider changing out canister: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- large amount of drainage needing accurate measurement</li> <li>- MD requests</li> <li>-Unable to accurately measure output</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

## Remember...

### Do Not

- Do Not routinely clamp
- Do Not strip or milk
- Do Not have dependent loops

### Do

- Keep chest tube system below the level of the chest
- Encourage patient to cough, deep breathe, IS use
- Pain control
- Emergency supplies at bedside (4x4 gauze, Vaseline gauze, sterile water, tape)
- ON-coming and off-going shift assesses the chest tube together at handoff

