

Nasco
Life/form®

**CHEST TUBE MANIKIN
LF03770U
INSTRUCTION MANUAL**



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Figure 1

About the Manikin...

The NASCO Life/Form® Chest Tube Manikin has been designed specifically to teach the theory, anatomy and skills needed to manage pre-hospital chest trauma, as well as on-going chest tube maintenance.

The right side of the manikin has two cut-away viewing areas to illustrate the anatomical relationships between the skin surface, musculature, ribs and lungs. The left side has a pressurized tension pneumothorax site and a site for the surgical placement of a functional chest tube. Fluid color, volume and viscosity can be controlled by the instructor. The manikin may be used with any commercially available closed water seal drainage unit.

List of Components:

- Torso with Lung
- Fluid Reservoir Bag (3)
- Foot Pump
- Surgical Skin Pads (5)
- Subcutaneous Surgical Pads (5)
- Nurse Training Pads (2)
- Pneumothorax Pads (5)
- Blood Powder
- Methyl Cellulose Thickener

Setting up the trainer

Pneumothorax site:

Plug the foot pump hose into the port in the base of the trainer (Figure 1). Pump several times to fill the inner air bladder. (The bladder has a pressure relief valve to prevent overinflation and rupture.) The procedure may now be performed at the second intercostal space, mid-clavicular line. While the outer skin pad may be punctured repeatedly, it will eventually need to be replaced. Simply remove the chest skin and replace the old pad with a new one.

Chest tube insertion site:

Fill the reservoir bag with fluid, which has been mixed to the desired color and consistency according to the directions on the packet. Connect the bag to the quick-disconnect fitting in the base of the trainer (Figure 1). The procedure may now be performed using a #32 French chest tube. The site, located at the fifth intercostal space, just anterior to the mid-axillary line, consists of an outer surgical skin pad and an inner subcutaneous surgical pad. Each pad can be used four times by rotating it a quarter turn after each procedure. Simply remove the outer skin and the surgical skin pad, snap out the rib insert, and turn the subcutaneous surgical pad to a fresh site. Snap in the rib insert, turn the surgical pad in a new position, and replace the outer skin. Discard both pads and insert new ones after four procedures.

Care of the trainer

1. Normal soil may be removed from the skin with mild soap and water, or with REN cleaner, available from Nasco.
2. Never place the skin on any printed material, as the ink will cause indelible stains.
3. Handle synthetic blood with care, as it will stain fabrics and skin.
4. Rinse the fluid reservoir bag thoroughly after each use; leave the cap open so it can dry, especially if it will be stored for any length of time.

Available Supplies

- LF03771 Surgical Skin Pads (Pk/5)
- LF03772 Subcutaneous Surgical Pads (Pk/5)
- LF03773 Pneumothorax Chest Pads (Pk/5)
- LF03774 Blood Powder
- LF03775 Methyl Cellulose Thickener
- WO09919 Ren Cleaner

Lung Anatomy



