A TUBE CONNECTOR FOR A LARGE-BORE CHEST TUBE, A TUBE CONNECTOR SYSTEM FOR AUGMENTING A CHEST TUBE DRAINAGE SYSTEM, AND A METHOD OF AUGMENTING A CHEST TUBE DRAINAGE SYSTEM

ABSTRACT

There is provided a tube connector for a large-bore chest tube, a tube connector system and a method of augmenting a chest tube drainage system, the tube connector comprising a first connector portion having a first opening at a first end of the tube connector; a second connector portion having a second opening at a second end of the tube connector; and a lumen extending between the first and second openings, said lumen being configured to allow fluid communication between the first and second openings; wherein the first connector portion comprises an exterior that is tapered towards the first end and is configured to facilitate a first coupling between the first connector portion and a distal end of the large-bore chest tube; and wherein the second connector portion comprises a locking member configured to facilitate a second coupling between the second connector portion and a mating connector.

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