

POSTOPERATIVE INSRCTIONS

JACKSON-PRATT DRAIN CARE

Goal :

- Prevent swelling and accumulation of fluid in the surrounding tissues (edema).
- Reduce risks of infection.
- Measure the amount of discharge from the wound.

Monitoring and measuring :

- Empty and reprime the drain every 8 hours (morning, noon, evening) or when the bulb is half full, whichever is sooner, in order to keep the suction necessary for the drain to function properly.
- Take note of the quantity and color of the fluid each time you drain it.
- Make sure that the bulb is compressed (squeezed) all the time.
- The liquid may be red, pinkish yellow, or yellow.



How to empty the drain:

- Wash your hands with soap and water.
- Place a graduated measuring cup nearby.
- Open the valve of the bulb.
- Squeeze the bulb and empty the contents into the graduated measuring cup.
- Make sure to squeeze out all the liquid.
- Squeeze the bulb until the two walls touch to create suction and close the valve.
- Measure the collected fluid and write down the quantity and color of the fluid on the paper which was given to you for this use. The quantity of liquid should decrease with time and the fluid should become less red.
- Empty and measure each drain separately (if you have multiple).
- Dispose of the collected liquid in the toilet.

Please contact us on the _____ to advise us on the quantity of fluids collected by the drain over the last 24 hours.

When there is less than _____ mL collected per day, you will have an appointment the next day to remove the drain.