

DRAIN CARE

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- Always wash your hands before handling your drain or supplies.
- Empty drain and record output twice daily and/or if drain is full.
- The drain should always be compressed. If it will not stay compressed call your doctor during office hours.
- If the drain is rapidly filling with blood, call your doctor immediately.
- If the drain falls out, put a dressing on the drain site and call your doctor during office hours.
- Never remove the tubing from the drain.
- Never rinse the drain bulb with water or any other fluid.
- Never submerge the drain or drain site under water
- When drain output is less than 30cc/24h call the office to make an appointment for drain removal.

HOW TO APPLY YOUR DRAIN DRESSING

- GENTLY REMOVE OLD DRESSING
- WIPE DRAIN SITE WITH ALCOHOL PAD
- PUT ANTIBIOTIC OINTMENT ON DRAIN SITE
- PLACE SLIT GAUZE UNDER DRAIN
- PLACE WHOLE GAUZE OVER DRAIN
- SECURE WITH PAPER TAPE

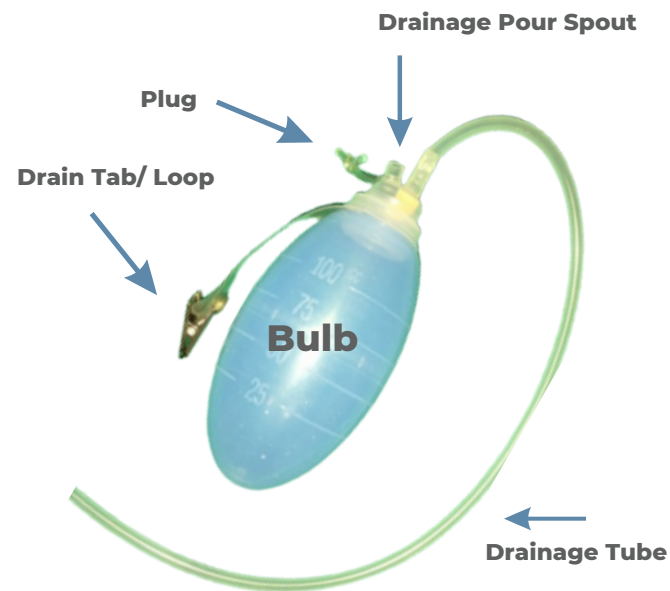
HOW TO EMPTY THE DRAIN

- REMOVE PLUG FROM DRAINAGE POUR SPOUT
- TURN BULB UPSIDE DOWN
- SQUEEZE FLUID INTO MEASURING CUP
- COMPRESS BULB (SQUEEZE IT FLAT)
- REPLACE PLUG INTO DRAINAGE POUR SPOUT
- RECORD OUTPUT IN ML ON YOUR DRAIN LOG
- FLUSH FLUID DOWN SINK OR TOILET

SUPPLIES

- [] 2X2" GAUZE
- [] ANTIBIOTIC OINTMENT
- [] PAPER TAPE
- [] SCISSORS
- [] ALCOHOL SWABS
- [] MEASURING CUP

ask nurse in recovery for measuring cup





DRAIN LOG

RECORD OUTPUT IN ML OR CC

DATE	TIME	DRAIN 1	DRAIN 2	DRAIN 3	DRAIN 4
OUTPUT TOTAL FOR 24 HOURS					
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