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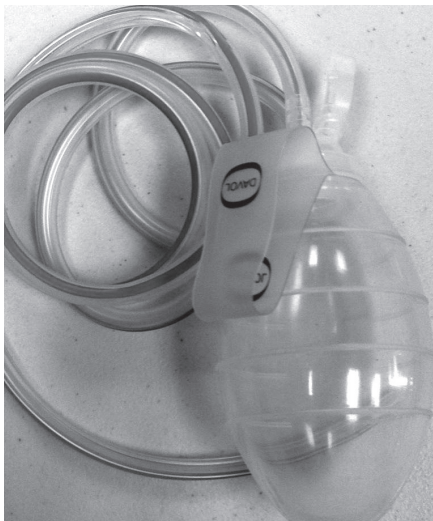
## JACKSON-PRATT (JP) DRAINS

You may have drains placed during surgery. In some cases the drains are removed before you are discharged from the hospital. However, since you will likely be discharged home with these drains in place, the following information may be helpful to you understanding their purpose and how to care for them.

Drains help healing and reduce the risk of infection by removing the fluid at your surgical site. It is attached to a bulb or collection device, where you will see fluid and blood. You may feel some burning and pulling from the stitch that holds the tube in place. Your drain will be removed when the fluid leaking from it is less than 30cc's each day.

### Caring for your Jackson Pratt at home will involve the following:

- 1: Milking the tubing to help move clots.
- 2: Emptying it 3 - 4 times a day and recording the amount of output.
- 3: Caring for you insertion site, the area where the catheter enters your skin.  
Clean with alcohol and a Q-tip and dress with a gauze twice a day
- 4: If you have more than one drain, make sure to measure and record each one separately.  
Do not add them together.



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