



Jackson-Pratt Drain

Discharge Instructions & Care



What is a Jackson-Pratt drain?

A Jackson-Pratt drain is a bulb-shaped device connected to a tube that removes fluids in an area after surgery. The drain removes fluids by suction that is created when the bulb is squeezed flat, and it will expand as it fills with fluid. The amount of fluid draining will decrease as the wound heals. The tube is secured in your body with a stitch and outside of your body with a safety pin attached to your clothing.



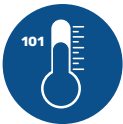
How do I empty the JP drain?

1. Wash your hands.
2. Remove the plug from the bulb.
3. Pour the fluid into a measuring cup.
4. Squeeze the bulb flat and put the plug back in.
5. Measure the amount of fluid in a measuring cup and write it down.
6. Flush the fluid down the toilet.
7. Wash your hands.



When will my JP drain be removed?

The surgeon will notify you of the appropriate time for your drain to be removed.



When to call the surgeon's office:

- Your fever is higher than 101 F.
- There's increased pain, redness or swelling around the drain site.
- The drain breaks or comes out.
- The fluid has an odor.
- There's a sudden increase in drainage greater than 30 mL.
- You have questions about JP drain care.

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

Please don't hesitate to contact our office at **518-701-2085** if you have any questions or concerns. We are happy to assist you.