

JP Drain Site Care After Removal

Post-Operative Instructions

How do I care for my JP Drain site after removal?

- The dressing that was applied to the site where the JP drain(s) was pulled can be left on for the remainder of the day.
- The medical assistant or nurse will give you a 3-day supply of gauze dressings for the site(s). You may also use a Band-Aid.
- You can shower 24 hours after the drain pull, but continue to cover the site with waterproof dressing until it seals in about 3 days.
 - If you still have other drains in place, continue to cover those drain sites with plastic during showering.
- This dressing change only needs to be done daily for 3 days. However, if you have drainage leaking out of the site and the dressing becomes saturated, please change the dressing again. This happens more often on the day the drain(s) are pulled or the day after removal.
- Depending on the location of the old drain site, you may want to place a dry gauze to prevent clothing from rubbing on the area. For example, bras and waistbands of pants can be irritating to these sites for longer than the 3 days after removal.

Who should I call if I have questions?

- Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.:
 - Call (734) 998-6022
- Afterhours and on weekends:
 - Call Hospital Paging at (734) 936-6267 and ask for the Plastic Surgeon on call.

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