

DRAIN CARE INSTRUCTIONS

1. You have a temporary drain in your operative site. It is important that you record the amount and type of drainage so that Dr. Boyd can decide whether or not to remove it. Please bring this chart with you at the time of your next appointment.
2. Please empty the drain(s) when full or every eight hours, whichever comes first. To empty the drain, remove the stopper, allow the plastic bottle to expand fully and measure the volume (in cubic centimeters) against the markings on the container. Record the volume and then squeeze the fluid out. With the bulb still squeezed, replace the stopper and let go. The bottle should remain collapsed. If it expands, there must be a leak. Repeat the process and if the bottle does not stay collapsed, call the office.
3. Record the information per the following example:

DAY AND TIME	AMOUNT	CHARACTERISTICS
eg. Tuesday, 8:08 p.m.	eg. 25cc	eg. clear, pink, bright red, or dark red

4. If you experience any of the following, call the office ASAP (310-530-4200).
 - A. Fever
 - B. Excessive drainage (more than 100 cc in 8 hours) or an absence of drainage in an 8 hour period.
 - C. Excessive swelling.
 - D. Pain that is not relieved with medications.