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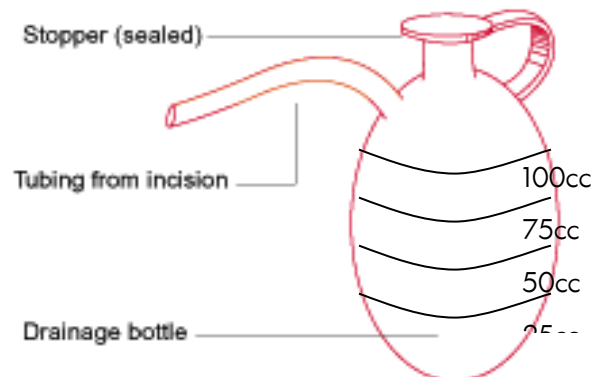
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DRAIN CARE

You will have 2-4 drains placed during surgery to prevent fluid build up and postoperative infection. These drains usually remain in place from 1-4 weeks post op and will need to be cared for daily.

- Wash hands thoroughly to reduce the risk of infecting the area surrounding your incisions and drain sites.

- Unpin the drain bulb from your garment or clothing.

- Remove the rubber stopper from the bulb

- Measure the amount of fluid in cc's against the pre-measured lines on the bulb.

- Record the amount of fluid for each drain (drain bulbs will be numbered) and the time on the Drain Output Log provided. Try to empty bulbs at approximately the same time each day (2-3 times daily or as necessary.)

- Turn the bulb upside down and squeeze to empty fluid completely.

- Turn bulb upright and use one hand to squeeze air from the bulb. Using the other hand, place the rubber stopper back in place. This allows the drain suction to work effectively.

- Pin the bulb back in place on your garment or clothing.

- Wash hands again.

- Bring Drain Output Logs to all appointments.

- Continue taking prescription oral antibiotic as long as drains are in place. You will be provided with a written prescription (plus one refill) on the day of surgery.

**Please call our office at 480-889-3000 if drain falls out,
bulb will not stay compressed or excessive redness is noted at the insertion site.**

Stopper (sealed)

Tubing from incision

100cc
75cc
50cc

Drainage bottle

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DRAIN OUTPUT RECORD

INSTRUCTIONS:
Empty JP drains at least twice a day or more often if half full. Record amount in cc's on this sheet and take to doctors office on follow up visit. Hand compress drains after emptied and maintain suction.

OTHER: _____

Date	Time	Right		Left	