



Care of Your Drain Tube

## You will be discharged with a drain tube

Inspect the drain tube at least once a day for:

- Check if there is any dislodgment of the tube.
- Check if there is any oozing of drainage from the sides of the tube.

Flexible tubing

- Check that the dressings are intact.
- Check patency of drainage
  system and vacuum gauge.
- Check for any redness or swelling around the drain tube.
- Check for any color of drainage change to bright red.
- Check if there is an increase in the amount of drainage.
- Developing fever or if there is an increase in pain.



If any of the above occurs, please report to the home care nurse by phone or when the nurse visits.

## You may be required to:

 Measure and record the amount of drainage daily.

- Empty the drainage or mark the bag/bottle.
- Reestablish suction if patency is lost.
- Change the dressing or reinforce.

## Please note

- You are allowed to shower with drain in place.
- Drain must be supported during mobilization and should not be lying on the floor.
- Drain tube may be removed at home by the home care nurse as per doctor's instruction.
- You can take pain relievers if required.



