

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, CALL (855) 863-9595 TO SPEAK WITH OUR ON-CALL CLINICIAN.

WOUND CLOSURE SITE

When you are discharged from the hospital, there will be a dressing that is in place over the closed wound. This dressing contains a slow-release antibiotic and must stay intact until your return appointment. If the dressing slips you can reinforce the dressing with clean dry gauze. If the dressing becomes loose or moves, you can secure the dressing with clean, dry gauze. If your wound closure is on your arms, hands, legs or feet, keep it elevated as much as possible to treat or prevent swelling. You may see some fluid, it is often yellow or brown in color. This is normal. JP Drains may be present and staples may be used for closure.

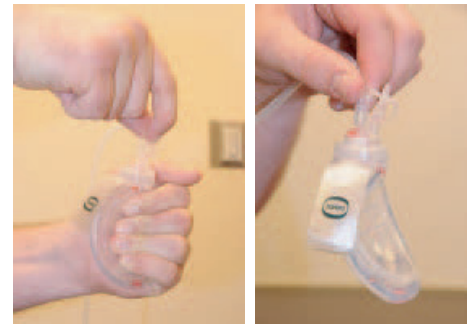
WHAT TO EXPECT

A JP Drain is a system that draws out fluid collecting under the incision. This must be emptied on a daily basis or more often, if directed by your care team. You will be taught how to do this before you are discharged from the hospital.

1. Open the drain and squeeze out fluid.
2. Squeeze the bulb until flat, and close the top of the bulb drain.
3. Record the amount of fluid drained from the bulb, and take information with you to your next appointment.
4. Keep the drain insertion site clean and dry.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF INFECTION

- + Temperature of 101.5° or greater
- + Fluid that is green, tan, creamy, thick or smells
- + Redness spreading out from around the edges of the burn
- + Worsening/increasing pain



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