

Jackson Pratt Drain Instructions

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(X) **Drain instructions:** A special type of drain has been placed that allows monitoring of the volume of fluid. Your pet needs to wear the e-collar to prevent chewing of the drain. These drains are meant for deep areas and are less likely to become infected as they are closed in the incision at the time of surgery and protected. The drain will be covered by a bandage to help with management. The bulb on the drain should be checked 3-4 times a day or as needed based on the amount of fluid in the bulb. The amount of fluid in the bulb should be recorded. A bowel, towel, or trashcan can be used to collect the fluid. There is a removable stopper on the "grenade" (collection bulb) and as it fills up it has less suction. The stopper should be popped off (not the portion attached to the tubing) and the fluid removed. Once the bulb is empty the grenade is compressed and the stopper is replaced. This returns suction to the tubing. The grenade can be secured to your pet in a couple of areas. If you have trouble emptying the bulb while it is attached to your pet, you can detach it and secure it to either the bandage with tape or a safety pin (careful that it is not near the skin and is always closed or that it does not pop open when your pet lays down), or secured to a t-shirt placed on your pet and knotted at the bottom.

(X) The drain bulb should be emptied every 6-8 hours or as needed. As the fluid volume decreases, you can extend the time between draining, but it should be checked at least 2 times a day to be sure that the suction is still good.

(X) The drain will be removed when:

(X) the volume of fluid removed is less than 30-50 mL in 24 hours.

(X) the drain has been in for 3-5 days of time.

(X) SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: If samples were submitted to the lab, such as a biopsy or culture. These results should return in 7 days. Dr. Hodge will call with the results when they arrive. Additionally, copies will be sent to your regular veterinarian. Please call if you have not heard from Dr. Hodge in 7 days.

Recording Log for Drain:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Volume Removed</u>	<u>Total Volume</u>
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