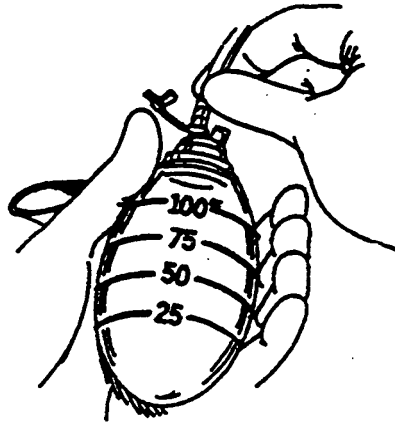


Abdominal and/or Breast Drains

You will be shown how to take care of your drain(s) before discharge from the hospital

Please also read the following instructions regarding your drain(s):

- The purpose of the drain(s) is to prevent the accumulation of blood and/or tissue fluid resulting from your operation
- The drain(s) look something like the picture below:



- The drain(s) should be emptied either every 12 hours or whenever they are half full
- Directions for emptying the drain(s):
 1. Wash your hands well with soap and water
 2. Remove the small plug at the top (suction will be released)
 3. Observe the amount of drainage
 4. Discard the drainage down the toilet
 5. Record the date, time, and amount of drainage and from which site it came from
 6. Squeeze the bulb and re-insert the plug on the drain

IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS AT ALL, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE