

Patient information

Information for patients discharged from hospital with wound drains following breast surgery

The breast surgeon has stitched a wound drain in your wound to remove any old blood or fluid from this area. This is a normal occurrence after an operation. This drain is called a Redivac Drain and has a vacuum which draws excess fluid away from the operation site.

Potential problems

1. The drain may lose its vacuum and stop draining
2. The drain may leak
3. The drain may fall out or become disconnected from the bottle

If you notice any of the above please contact ward F5 on 01284 713262 for advice.

Alternatively telephone your District Nurse via your GP surgery, or phone the Breast Care Nurses on 01284 713281, Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 4.00pm only.

Out of hours, please leave a message on the answerphone and we will return your call the next working day.

Please return the material drain holder bags to the Breast Care nurses. Thank you.

If you have any concerns please contact:

Breast Care Nursing Team

Telephone 01284 713281

Monday to Friday, 8.30am – 4.30pm

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