

DRAIN / WICK MAINTENANCE:

The drain or wick needs to be removed in 3-5 days from placement. At the time of discharge please schedule a time with our receptionist to have this done.

Twice daily, the following protocol needs to be followed:

- Give the drain or wick a quick wiggle to break any seal, allowing the wound to drain properly.
- Using hydrogen peroxide (available at any drug or grocery store) on a gauze pad clean the area around the drain. Try to remove any crusts that have formed around the wound.
- Hot pack the area around the wound with a warm washcloth for 5-10 minutes. Try to avoid covering the wound opening or incision, if one is present, as this will allow bacterial back into the area we are trying to clean.
- Apply a small amount of antibiotic ointment (Neosporin or Bacitracin - available at any drug or grocery store) to the drain openings.

After the drain or wick is removed, continue the above protocol until the wounds have healed shut.