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## Breast Patients discharged with Redivac Drain Breast Clinic

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## Introduction

Following surgery to the breast and/or under the arm, a wound drain may be inserted. This helps to prevent fluid collecting and causing swelling which increases the risk of infection. It will also minimise any bruising to the area.

The drain will normally stay in for around 5-7 days, or maybe longer, depending on the amount of 24-hour drainage.

You will be advised to bring a specific bag in which to keep your drain. This can be attached to your waist with a belt.

## Emptying the drain

During your hospital stay, your 24-hour drain output is measured at midnight; this is done by putting a mark on the bottle to signify where the level of drainage is. The bottle is calibrated with lines and numbers to make it simple and easy.



On discharge, you can measure the drain output in the morning at a time that is convenient for you. What is important is that the 24-hour output is measured at the same time each day.

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## Further Information

We endeavour to provide an excellent service at all times, but should you have any concerns please, in the first instance, raise these with the Matron, Senior Nurse or Manager on duty. If they cannot resolve your concern, please contact our Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) on 01932 723553 or email [pals@asph.nhs.uk](mailto:pals@asph.nhs.uk). If you still remain concerned please contact our Complaints Manager on 01932 722612 or email [complaints@asph.nhs.uk](mailto:complaints@asph.nhs.uk)

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## Contact Numbers

After discharge, should you have any concerns or queries, please contact the Breast Care Nurses during office hours.

### Telephone numbers of Breast Care Nurses are: -

At Ashford Hospital direct	<b>01784 884411</b>
Via switchboard	<b>01784 884488</b> bleep <b>8855</b>
St Peter's Hospital direct	<b>01932 722771</b>
Via switchboard	<b>01932 872000</b> bleep <b>5129</b>

### At evenings and weekends direct telephone number of the ward:

Dickens Ward	<b>01784 884004 / 884574</b>
Kingfisher Ward	<b>01932 722380 / 722564</b>



You will be provided with a spare drainage bottle and some antiseptic wipes. Your nurse will show you how to measure the drainage and how to change the bottle. The drain is removed when the drainage is clear and is equal to or less than 30mls in 24 hours.

There are three reasons why your bottle may need changing at home. These are:

- when the bottle is full
- when the green vacuum indicator is completely expanded indicating no suction left
- if the tubing disconnects

### Do not panic

Just follow the steps below to change the bottle. Your nurse will demonstrate this before you go home.

1. Seal off the bottle by closing the sliding clamp on the green connection piece and >>	>> by sliding the clamp on the connecting tube
	

2. Disconnect the connecting tube from the bottle by unscrewing the Luer Lock



3. Screw in the new bottle tightly with the connecting tube, bearing in mind that loose connection can lead to loss of vacuum



4. Open the sliding clamp on the bottle and>>



>>on the tubing



5. You will have to bring the old bottles back to the hospital for correct disposal. Re-apply tape near the calibrations to help make marking easier



### Removal of the Drain

Before you are discharged from hospital, a plan will have been put in place for removal of the drain once the volume of drainage has reduced. This is usually arranged with a breast care nurse or, if appropriate, the ward nurses will make the necessary referral for the District Nurse to visit you at home.