



## DRAIN LOG

Date	Time	Amount Collected

The drain will be removed within 1 to 2 days of surgery. Call the office to schedule removal when the amount of fluid collected in a 24 hour period is less than 20 ml.

While the drain is used, it will require stripping daily. This is performed by sliding two fingers along the tubing towards the bulb. Hold the tubing in place with thumb and index finger of one hand, and pinch the tube with the thumb and index finger of the other hand, and slide the fluid toward the bulb. It is best to do this **three times a day**. Make sure to wash your hands well before and after stripping the drain. Record the amount of drainage. Begin recording the day you are discharged from the surgery center.

Call Your Doctor:

- 1.) If you have a fever greater than 101 degrees F (38.5 degrees C).
- 2.) If the drain stops working and you notice fluid leaking around the drain site.
- 3.) If you notice signs of infection: pus, swelling, increased redness, uncontrolled pain, foul odor.
- 4.) If the incision opens up.

Should you have any concerns, questions, or problems during your post-operative recovery period, please do not hesitate to contact the office at **208-656-9646 during business hours**, or **208-419-3254 after hours**. If unable to reach our nurse on call, please go to Madison Memorial Hospital ER and they will page your doctor.