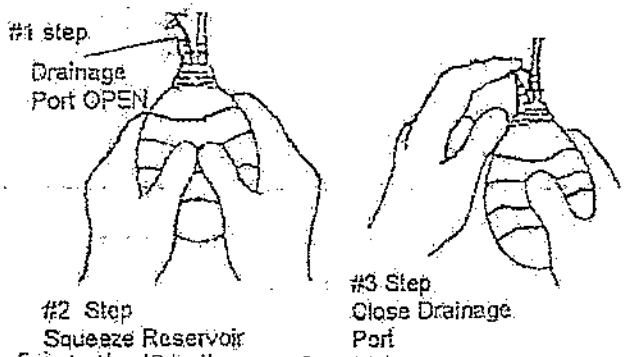
Spartanburg Medical Center
Jackson-Pratt (JP) Drain Record



Empty the JP bulb every 6 to 12 hours.

1. Steps on Emptying and Recording your output are as follows:
   a. Wash hand thoroughly.
   b. Remove plug from bulb
   c. Pour fluid from inside the bulb into a measuring cup
   d. Squeeze the bulb flat. While the bulb is flat, put the plug back into the bulb. The bulb should remain flat after it is plugged in so that the vacuum suction can restart.
   e. Measure the amount of fluid you collected and record it on your flow sheet, including the date and time.
   f. You may then discard the fluid in the toilet/sink and rewash hands.

The JP drains will be removed once the drainage in each individual tube is less than 25cc for a 24 hour period for 2 consecutive days, unless stated otherwise. Once a drain is ready for removal, call our office and set up an appointment with the nurse to have it removed. If you have more than one JP drain in a single area, we will not remove both drains at the same time, regardless of output. Your last remaining drain must be less than 15cc x 24 hours x 2 days.

Date	Time	Drain #1	Drain #2	Drain #3	Drain #4