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Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Ward M5

Patient Information

Discharge home with drains

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Care of your drains

Your consultant will have decided if you can go home with drains still in place. When this happens you will need to empty your drains and measure the fluid collected every 24 hours. Then phone the plastic surgery unit with the drain fluid measurements and the nurse will tell you what you need to do next. It is important that you record each day's drain output and bring this with you when attending for drain removal.

If the drains are to be removed the nurse will tell you what to do. This will be either to visit the plastic surgery unit (PSU) on a week day or to visit ward M5 if it is the weekend.

Please phone

Plastic surgery unit on 01223 348509 (Monday-Friday from 07:00 until 18:00)

Ward M5 01223 348525 (Saturday-Sunday)

You will be shown how to empty and measure your drain prior to discharge. If you have any problems please contact the ward.

Patient addressograph

Your surgery took place on the __/__/__ and you were discharged on the __/__/__. You had __ drains in situ which can be removed when you are instructed to do so by the PSU or the ward. This is normally when less than 30mls has been collected in 24 hours. After their removal, if you become uncomfortable with fluid around the drain site or have any concerns please contact PSU or ward M5

A follow up outpatient appointment will be arranged for

Additional information

Signature_____ Designation_____