

# Going home with a vacuum drain

## Patient information

A vacuum drain is the plastic container that collects wound fluid and blood from your wound drain. When the bottle is half full, it needs to be replaced by a **new one**. Do not empty and reuse the bottle.

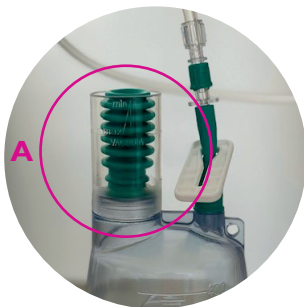
## INSTRUCTIONS



1. Close the **two** sliding clamps to close the drain.



2. Disconnect the vacuum drain by unscrewing the connecting piece between the two clamps.
3. Open the packaging of the new vacuum drain and make sure the connecting piece is sterile.
4. Connect the new vacuum drain.
5. Open the two sliding clamps again.
6. Check the drainage.



7. Check the suction:

**A.** If the concertina bung is fully decompressed as in bottle A, there is no suction.  
In that case you can no longer use the bottle. Never try pushing the concertina bung down – this will not create a new vacuum.

**B.** If the concertina bung is compressed like in pot B, there is suction.  
This is the correct setting.



Regularly check the suction.

8. Seal the old vacuum drain by closing the sliding clamp.  
Dispose of the vacuum drain.

# FLOW RATE VACUUM DRAIN

Always bring this form to the consultation.

Date of the procedure: .....

Home visit nurse name: ..... tel.: .....

Name patient

Date	Status wound	Drain 1: ml / 24 hours added	Replace bottle	Drain 2: ml / 24 hours added	Replace bottle	Drain 3: ml / 24 hours added	Replace bottle	Questions, comments? Bandaging material required?