

MORE TIPS

During the day, some people find that it is easier to carry the bottle in a pocket or bag, pinned to your clothing or hooked to your belt. Overnight, the drainage bottle can sit on the floor beside your bed, or be pinned loosely to bed sheets. Do be careful however, to ensure the tubing is not overstretched.

After leaving hospital, the dressing covering your wound will be shower proof.

This dressing will be removed after a week, by your surgeon, or your nurse when removing the drain tubes at home.

Driving a car is not recommended until about 10 days after surgery, (depending on your flexibility and discomfort in your arm). Ask your surgeon when you can resume driving if you feel unsure.

Deodorant can be worn after the wound is healed. Roll on deodorant is easier to manage, as you can place it around the wound.

Shaving with a razor blade is not recommended as it can cause nicks in the skin. An electric razor or hair removal cream can be used.

KEY CONTACTS

If you or your family have any concerns or questions whilst you have the drain tube you can contact:

Western Health at Home
Nurse by calling

83451793

between 8am & 5pm

or

the after hours
number

1300334455

Fax number:83451794

If you are unable to speak
with the above contacts you
can call the hospital no:

8345 6666

- Ask to speak with the **Surgical Registrar** for the Breast Unit at either the Sunshine or Western hospital – (depending where you were treated).

**Your drain tube will be
removed on:**



GOING HOME WITH A DRAIN TUBE AFTER BREAST CANCER SURGERY