

## Please Contact your Nurse or GP if:

- The drainage fluid is bright red
- If you drain more than 150ml in 24hours
- If drainage tube accidentally comes out
- If the area around the dressing is
  - Red
  - Swollen
  - Oozing
- If you have a fever of 37.5 °C (99.6°F) or higher
- Drainage at the drainage tubing insertion site is not stopping
- If the indicator is upright making a "U" shape, reservoir needs to be re-vacuumed.

### 'V' is for Vacuumed

Shows vacuum in reservoir. \*Must be crossed at all times.



### 'U' is for Unvacuumed

Shows no vacuum in reservoir. \*Drain not functioning, re-vacuum.



Drainage Record				
Day	Time	Site/Vacuum	Milliliters (ml)	
Day 1	am			
	pm			
Day 2	am			
	pm			
Day 3	am			
	pm			
Day 4	am			
	pm			
Day 5	am			
	pm			
Day 6	am			
	pm			
Day 7	am			
	pm			
Day 8	am			
	pm			
Day 9	am			
	pm			
Day 10	am			
	pm			
Day 11	am			
	pm			
Day 12	am			
	pm			
Day 13	am			
	pm			

Caring for your wound  
drain at home



**VARI-VAC™**  
Wound Drainage System

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_

For Assistance Please Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_

Ward: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone no: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Dial Settings: \_\_\_\_\_



**VARI-VAC™**

**VariVac™ gives you the total control that you need in a wound drainage system**

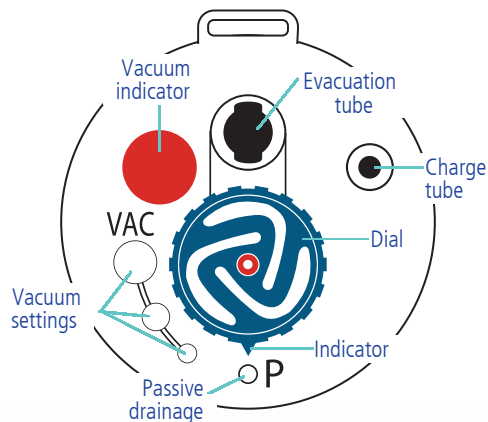
## Your VariVac™ Bottle

You have a VariVac™ Wound Drain set in place.

The purpose of this drainage system is to remove any excess fluid from within your wound. The system works by removing any excess fluid allowing the tissue layers to come together. This will help with the wound to heal faster and reduce the risk of infection.

The bottle is pre-vacuumed.  
This provides suction to your drain to remove excess fluid.

This is a CLOSED wound drainage system for your protection. Therefore the bottle should not be changed unless completely full.



### DIAL SETTING

**III = HIGH**

**II = MEDIUM**

**I = LOW**

**P = PASSIVE (GRAVITY)**

The blue dial will be set at a particular setting. Please leave the dial on the original setting. If the dial is accidentally knocked or turned to another setting please turn back to original setting. Your individual setting is referred to at the front page of this brochure.

## Loss of vacuum in bottle

The VariVac™ wound drainage system is pre-vacuumed. If your bottle loses too much vacuum, the red ears will change from a "V" (crossed ears) to "U" (uncrossed). If this occurs please contact your nurse or home care professional.

### WHEN TO REPLACE THE BOTTLE

The bottle is to be replaced when the volume of fluid reaches 425ml (see level indicated on side of bottle).

Please contact your nurse or home care professional to arrange a time to have your bottle replaced.

