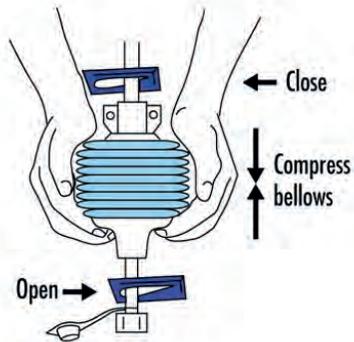


Bellovac[®] – Low Pressure Wound Drain System – Instructions for Use

Getting started in theatre

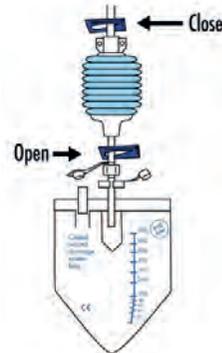


1. Close the inlet clamp. Create vacuum in the bellows by ensuring the outlet clamp is open and squeeze the bellows. (Bellows will not expand when released due to the one-way outlet valve).
2. Screw the drainage bag to the base of the bellows.
3. Connect the pre-vacuumed drain to the drainage catheter.
4. Open the inlet clamp to start wound drainage.

- ✓ Check that the inlet tubing is not kinked or bent – this can prevent the drain from working properly.

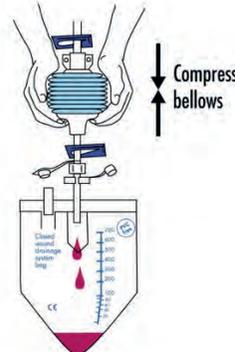
Emptying the bellows

Step 1:



Step 2:

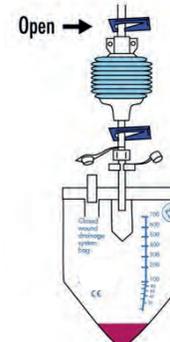
Close the inlet clamp. (Ensure outlet clamp is open).



Compress the bellows fully.

- ✓ This can be done slowly and in stages. The bellows will not re-expand due to the one-way outlet valve.

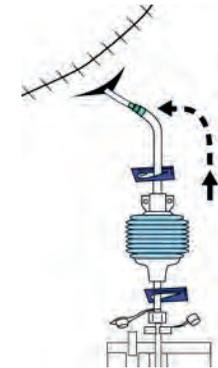
Step 3:



Re-open the inlet clamp.

- ✓ Due to the addition of a 3rd one-way valve, outlet clamp is to remain open during wound drainage.
- ✓ Closing of the outlet clamp is required prior to bag change to prevent spillage.

Removing the collection/ drainage system



1. Undertake removal under aseptic conditions and with adherence to hospital protocol.
 2. Slide the inlet clamp up the tubing above the bellows to a point just below the connection to the catheter and close it off.
 3. Leave the drain clamped off for a minimum of 30 minutes to allow the vacuum within the wound to dissipate.
 4. Remove any securing sutures or dressings.
 5. Support the wound area surrounding the catheter and slowly pull the catheter out of the wound with a slight rotating motion.
- ✓ If the catheter is difficult to remove, do not force it. Please inform the surgeon.

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