

## Cholecystostomy Tube Home Care

It is important that you use the included drain sheet to write down everything that comes out of your drain. Take this sheet with you to your follow-up appointments. Your doctor will use this information to decide when your drain can be removed.

### **DAILY CARE OF YOUR DRAIN**

- Keep the drain dry, do not get it wet
- Record all output from your drain on the included drain sheet
- We will check on your drain in the surgery office and change the dressing / adhesive bandage as needed, usually every 2 weeks
- These drains are usually left in place for 6 weeks
- Call the surgery office if your drains quits working (nothing coming out of it) or is accidentally pulled out

### **SEEK MEDICAL CARE IF:**

- If you have more than 100 mL of bright red blood come out of your drain in one hour, or if the fluid coming out of your drain suddenly changes to bright red
- You have a fever greater than 101 degrees
- Your tube fell out
- You have redness or swelling around the tube site

### **MAKE SURE YOU:**

- Understand these instructions
- Will get help right away if you are not doing well or get worse



