

ehr go Skills Lab Teaching Tips

Topic: Surgical Drain Care

Concepts: Purpose for surgical drains, emptying Jackson-Pratt (JP) drains, measuring and documenting surgical wound drainage.

Case example: **Patricia Brenner**



Case synopsis: Patricia has just had a double modified radical mastectomy for stage IIIA cancer of the left breast. She had two Jackson-Pratt (JP) drains placed bilaterally intraoperatively. Her drains will need to be checked, drained, and documented in her EHR.

Pre-lab homework: Have students come to lab with the following information prepared. Optional: Evaluate preparation with a short quiz at the beginning of lab.

1. Read and review the following case resources in Step One of the Patricia Brenner activity:
 - a. Jackson-Pratt Drain Image.pdf
 - b. Skills Review -Jackson-Pratt Drain Care.pdf
2. Describe the purpose for and the care of surgical drains.

In lab activity: Have students work individually or in small groups in the lab. Each student will access a JP drain, empty it and document in Patricia Brenner's EHR under the I&O section of the Vitals Tab.

Skills lab set-up: This lab activity may be completed with or without manikins. One or more JP drains with any or all of the following simulated fluids should be made available in the lab.

1. **Skills Station Option A:** JP drain with 65 mL serosanguinous fluid
2. **Skills Station Option B:** JP drain with 10 mL of serous fluid
3. **Skills Station Option C:** JP drain with 90 mL of bloody fluid
4. **Skills Station Option D:** JP drain with 40 mL of pus-filled fluid

Evaluation method(s): A variety of different evaluation methods are applicable to this in-lab activity. Choose from any or all of the following.

1. Pre- or Post-Lab quiz covering the JP drainage process and identification of drainage types.
2. Observed lab performance to assess appropriate procedure is followed when handling, draining, and evaluating the drain contents.
3. EHR Progress Report submitted (via Step Three download) to assess accurate documentation of type and amount of drainage.