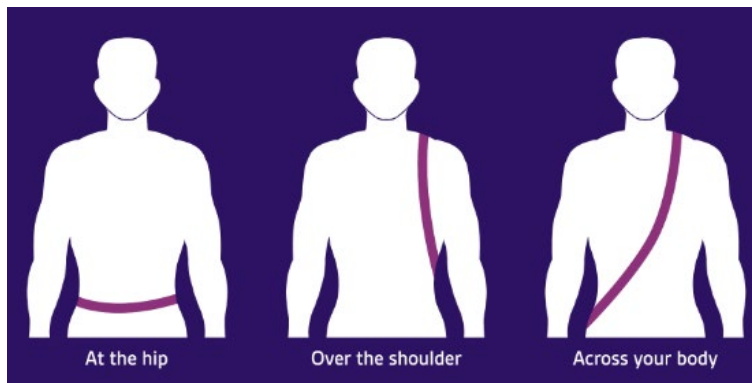


Purpose of Prevena

- Prevena uses negative pressure – like a vacuum – to help protect and heal your incision at the skin surface and below. It holds the incision edges together and removes fluid from the incision site to prevent infection.

How to use Prevena

- Your dressing is waterproof. You can wear it in the shower. Try to keep it out of the direct flow of water and do not submerge it.
- The Prevena should be always kept on for 7 days after surgery.
- The Prevena can be worn under your clothing or on top. You can use the straps in different ways to secure them.



- If your Prevena alarms, check to ensure that there are no kinks in the tubing or air leaks.
- Make sure that tubing does not get pinched or kinked.
- Ensure that it is not dropped on the floor or any other hard surface.

How to remove Prevena

- Turn off the pump before removing the dressing by holding the off button for 5 seconds. Suction must be turned off before Prevena is removed.
- When ready to remove the dressing, gently pull on the sides of the dressing to loosen. To remove dressing, pull in the direction of the incision. Do not pull across the incision.
- New dressing is applied after Prevena is removed.
- Dressing and unit are to be thrown away after 7 days. The unit cannot be used again.
- You may notice staples in place under dressing. At discharge, your nurse will let you know when those are to be removed.

For more information you can visit www.prevena4patients.com or call the office.