



Ascitic drainage

What is ascites?

Ascites is a medical condition characterized by the build-up of fluid in the abdomen. It is normal for there to be a small amount of fluid within the abdominal cavity, which is contained in all cleared and absorbed. Ascites develops when the body is unable to remove this fluid adequately and the amount of fluid in the abdomen increases.

What symptoms does it cause?

The presence of excess fluid in the abdomen can cause a number of symptoms, including pain, poor appetite, difficulty breathing, indigestion, nausea and vomiting and reduced mobility.

What is your drain for?

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Once the drain has been removed, fluid will often continue to leak from the incision site. If the drainage is continuing to leak after 24 hours, please contact the Acute Oncology Service on 01271 311579. The main aim is to avoid the Seacroft Unit for a few men
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Further information

If you have any questions about a chest drainage procedure, please contact:

Acute Oncology Service Tel: 01271 311579

Office of Health Services Tel: 01271 322577 (hospital switchboard)

Reference

A chest drainage: information for patients The Christie NHS Foundation Trust

Drainage of a chest (pacemaker) Unit at the Hospital Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust

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