# Outpatient Action Plan for Drain Care

## Red Zone: WARNING
Are you experiencing:
- Fever >101.5, chills, sweats
- Tube pulled out (partially/completely)
- Change in Mental Status
- Large Amount of Bright Red Blood in drainage bag
- Dizziness when standing/ passing out

If the answer to any of the above questions is “YES” we consider this the “RED” zone.

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Please call provider and/or go to the Emergency Department.

## Yellow Zone: Caution
Are you experiencing:
- Signs of Skin Infections
- Damaged Tubing
- Sudden change in amount of fluid in Drainage bag
- Pain or resistance with tube flushing
- Sudden increase in fluid leaking from insertion site
- Change in color or consistency of drainage (Pus)
- Uncontrolled pain

If the answer to any of the above questions is “YES” it is possible that you ARE having an Exacerbation.

We consider this the YELLOW zone.

Call IR Nurse/MA 206-341-0152 (Monday- Friday 8AM-5PM)

Call Hospital Operator 206-223-6600 (After hours/weekends)

Ask for Interventional Radiology on call

**Signs of Skin Infection**
- Redness of skin around tube
- Pus drainage, oozing around tube
- Increase in pain

## Green Zone: Go
Are you experiencing:
- Small amount or no drainage around drain site
- Minor fluctuation of drain output
- Intermittent fluctuation of pain intensity

If the answer to any of the above questions is “YES” It is possible you are NOT having an Exacerbation, continue to monitor.

We consider this the GREEN zone. No need to call unless things change.

- Your symptoms are under control
- Continue to care for your drain as instructed
- Keep all physicians, lab and/or radiology appointments

**Patient Label**

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