

Prevena™ Vac with Total Joint Replacement

What is Prevena™?

Prevena is a vacuum device that helps your incision heal quickly and protects it from infection.

How long do I keep Prevena™ on my incision?

It will stay in place for 7 days. For example, if your surgery is on Wednesday, you will keep the Prevena vac on until the following Wednesday. Your dressing will not need to be changed during this time.

Can I wear clothes over the Prevena™?

Yes. You can wear your regular clothes.

What about when I am sleeping?

Keep it powered on when sleeping. Place the battery pack where it won't fall or drop onto the ground and where tubing won't kink or pinch.

Can I shower with Prevena™?

Yes. Keep the vacuum piece away from direct water streams. Make sure not to rub off your dressing when using a towel to dry off.

Can I take a bath or go swimming?

No. Do not put your incision under water.

When does the Prevena™ alarm go off?

It will alarm if there is a low battery, a leak in the system, or a full canister. Call your Orthopedic Nurse Navigator if this occurs.

