## **DRAIN INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. The bulb should remain collapsed at all times **EXCEPT** when emptying the contents. If it fills with air it is not on suction and should be opened and the air squeezed out before closing it again.
- 2. Before you empty the drains contents, be sure to keep a record of the date, time and the amount of fluid that has accumulated. Try to empty the drain at about the same time each day or as needed (when ½ full approx).
- 3. Bring record to the office on each postoperative visit.

## 4. TO EMPTY THE DRAIN:

- a. Wash your hands
- b. Have a paper cup and tissue on hand to assist
- c. Pull the plug out of the pour spout (see drawing below)
- d. With the bulb reservoir in its expanded size, note the amount of contents by reading the number on the side of the bulb. The number are clearly marked (25cc to 100cc) Record this below.
- e. Turn the bulb upside down and squeeze gently.
- f. **IMPORTANT**: Remember to remove the air out of the reservoir before closing it again.
- g. **DO NOT** disconnect, kink or puncture the tubing that is attached to the suction bulb.



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