

If you need emergency care post-phalloplasty and cannot make it to Vancouver General Hospital (VGH), please take this document with you and present it to the medical team at the emergency department.

FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS:

Patient has had a radial forearm flap phalloplasty. The penis was created using a free flap from the forearm.

SUPRAPUBIC CATHETER

1. DO NOT PLACE FOLEY CATHETER THROUGH PHALLOPLASTY URETHRA.
2. Do not remove or replace.
3. If catheter is blocked please see your institution's suprapubic catheter policy.
4. Ensure catheter is in situ and draining.

WOUND CARE

There are multiple incisions to the neo-phallus including along the underside of the penis and around the base of the penis. **There is a small wire in the groin, secured with a steri-strip, DO NOT REMOVE.**

If the dressings are removed please provide care to the area as follows:

1. Clean all incisions with normal saline.
2. Apply sterile gauze to groin folds if there is excess moisture.
3. Cut burn gauze in half and gently wrap around penis to bolster up. Secure with surgifix. Apply mesh underwear to hold penis in place.
4. If rash/redness noted to area, apply nystatin powder or silicone-based barrier cream.

Penile positioning

Penis should be resting upwards and pointing away from the pedicle. Patient should have a photo in his phone of what this looks like.

VAC DRESSING

Patient has a wound VAC to forearm with an Integra wound dressing beneath it.

1. If there are issues with the wound VAC please see your institution's wound VAC policy.
2. If VAC dressing must be removed it is imperative that the Integra dressing not get wet.
3. VAC dressing should be replaced if possible.
4. There is no need for an interface dressing between the VAC and Integra.
5. If VAC cannot be replaced please cover Integra with fluffed sterile gauze, secure with kling and a compression layer.

If you are at all concerned about the ability to take care of this patient in your facility please consider PTN to urology/plastics at VGH.

Contact:

Gender Surgery Program BC

604-875-5060 Hours: 8:00 am–4:00 pm

After hours: 604-875-4111 (ask to speak to plastics/urology on-call)