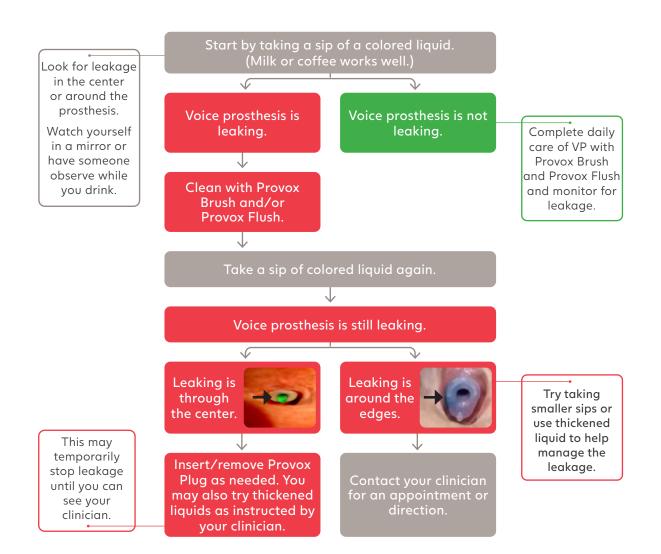
CareTips

Topic: Managing voice prosthesis leakage

Voice prosthesis (VP) leakage happens when food or liquid comes through the center or around the side of the VP.

Use this diagram to help identify voice prosthesis leakage. It is important to contact your clinician if leaking continues.





Typical signs of VP leakage:

- Coughing during/after eating or drinking
- Fluid/food-stained mucus
- Increased mucus
- Recurrent chest infections

Note: Some people experience leaking and do not cough.

VP leakage may also indicate that it is nearing time for a replacement, even if the leakage is occasional. Contact your healthcare provider with any questions or concerns.

Watch the video "How to Manage Voice

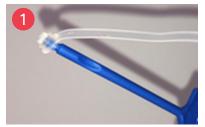
Prosthesis Leakage": www.atosmedical. us/videos/howto-manage-voiceprosthesis-leaking or scan this QR code:





CareTips

How to use a Provox Plug or Provox Vega Plug



PLACE the Plug on the back of the Provox Brush.

Note: Make sure to use the correct size/type of plug for your current prosthesis. For example:

- 20Fr Vega Plug for a 20Fr Vega
- Provox Plug for a Provox2 or ActiValve.



REMOVE Plug by gently pulling on the tab.

Note: With the plug in place, you cannot use your voice prosthesis to speak.



INSERT the Plug into the center of the prosthesis with slight pressure.

DISINFECT the Plug at

least once per day. Use

70% Isopropyl alcohol

• 3% Hydrogen peroxide

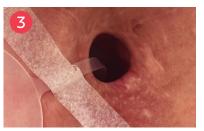
one of these methods:

• 70% Ethanol for 10

for 10 minutes OR

for 60 minutes

minutes OR



SECURE the Plug by taping to your neck or placing your adhesive over the Plug strap per recommendations of your clinician.

CLEAN the Plug before

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removal in warm, soapy

inserting and after

water.

If any of the below events occur, contact your healthcare provider for further instructions:

- Changes in swallowing
- Blood on the brush while cleaning your voice prosthesis
- Increased effort with speaking
- Voice prosthesis appears too long or too short
- Ongoing or occasional leakage around or through the center of the voice prosthesis
- Skin irritation

Seek immediate medical attention if:

- You experience any shortness of breath
- Your stoma appears too small
- You are not able to place a LaryTube/ LaryButton (if used)
- You have bleeding/swelling of your airway
- Your voice prosthesis has dislodged into the airway
- You no longer see your voice prosthesis

Emergency References:

Clinic phone number:
Closest emergency room:
Physician name:
SLP name:
Other notes:

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