Is Your Voice Prosthesis Leaking?

Do you suffer from:
1. Coughing during or after eating/drinking?
2. Food/Fluid stained mucus?
3. Increased secretions?
4. Recurrent chest infections?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, your voice prosthesis might be leaking.

LEAKAGE TEST
1. Stand in front of a mirror with a good light and clean your Provox voice prosthesis.
2. Take a sip of something colored (e.g. milk or coffee, as this is easier to see).
3. Look to see if anything leaks through or around the voice prosthesis. If you have a hard time seeing your voice prosthesis, ask someone else to look for you.

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**Leakage Test Diagram**

- **Leakage**
  - Clean the voice prosthesis using the Provox Brush and/or Provox Flush as described in the manual.
  - Repeat the swallow test above.

- **No Leakage**
  - Contact your clinician and explain the problems you are experiencing. Tell them you have not detected leakage of your voice prosthesis.

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**Leakage through**

- **Leakage**
  - Plug as described in the manual.
  - Contact your clinician for an appointment.

- **No Leakage**
  - Insert the Provox Plug as described in the manual.
  - Repeat the swallow test as above.

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**Leakage around**

- **Leakage**
  - Remove the Provox Plug as described in the manual.
  - Contact your clinician for an appointment.

- **No Leakage**
  - Use the Provox Plug when eating and drinking until a new voice prosthesis has been inserted.

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**Not sure**

- **Leakage**
  - Insert the Provox Plug as described in the manual.
  - Repeat the swallow test as above.

- **No Leakage**
  - Contact your clinician and make an appointment to have your voice prosthesis replaced.

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**Leakage is around**

- **Leakage**
  - Remove the Provox Plug as described in the manual.
  - Contact your clinician for an appointment.

- **No Leakage**
  - Use the Provox Plug when eating and drinking until a new voice prosthesis has been inserted.