

Negative Pressure Wound Therapy (NPWT): Disposable VACVia Dressing Application

Site Applicability:

All VCH and PHC sites

Practice Level

Profession	Basic Skill	Advanced Skill (requiring additional education)
NSWOC, Nurse Practitioner	Performance of Negative Pressure Wound Therapy (NPWT) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May provide a client-specific order for other nurse to follow and may establish the wound care treatment plan 	
RN, RPN/LPN		Must have completed additional education as outlined by their health organization /agency DST prior to performing NPWT: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PHC: Negative Pressure Wound Therapy (VAC) Certification VCH Acute Sites: VCH VAC Basic / Advanced Education – (VGH/UBCH Acute Care Nursing) VCH Community Sites: VCH Introduction to Negative Pressure Wound Therapy – (Vancouver Community Nursing) NPWT Disposable VACVia Dressing

Policy Statements

- RNs, RPNs and LPNs require a client specific order from a physician/NP or NSWOC: LPNs also require an established wound treatment to be in place.
- VCH and PHC nurses will follow this procedure developed by the Provincial Nursing Skin and Wound Committee ([see procedure link below](#)) when using the VACVia disposable NPWT.

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Need to Know

The Provincial Nursing Skin and Wound Committee (PNSWC) developed this procedure to provide a standardized approach to the application and removal of the VACVia disposable NPWT system for all patients, clients and residents across the province.

Procedure

The provincial DST Procedure: NPWT Disposable VACVia Dressing Application provides detailed guidance on the appropriate technique to be used for this procedure and this disposable NPWT system.

Procedure: [NPWT Disposable VACVia Dressing Application](#)

Expected Patient/Client/Resident Outcomes

Patient/Client/Resident with a wound determined to be appropriate for this dressing type will have his/her wound managed according to the procedure set by the PNSWC.

Documentation

Done as part of the documentation for care that was provided as per the treatment plan/care plan.

References

See procedure document.

Related Documents

Provincial NPWT Guideline

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