

# Negative Pressure Wound Therapy (NPWT): Disposable SNaP 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"> <li>May provide a client-specific order for other nurse to follow and may establish the wound care treatment plan</li> </ul>	
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"> <li><b>PHC:</b> <a href="#">Negative Pressure Wound Therapy (VAC) Certification</a></li> <li><b>VCH Acute Sites:</b> <a href="#">VCH VAC Basic / Advanced Education – (VGH/UBCH Acute Care Nursing)</a></li> <li><b>VCH Community Sites:</b> <a href="#">VCH Introduction to Negative Pressure Wound Therapy – (Vancouver Community Nursing)</a></li> <li>NPWT Disposable SNaP Dressing Application</li> </ul>

## 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 SNaP 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 SNaP disposable NPWT system for all patients, clients and residents across the province.

## Procedure

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

Procedure: [NPWT Disposable SNaP 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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