

Negative Pressure Wound Therapy (NPWT): Disposable PICO 7 and PICO 14 Dressing Application

Site Applicability

VCH and PHC sites where NPWT is approved for use

Practice Level (additional education competencies under development)

Profession	Advanced Skill (requiring additional education)
Nurse Specialized in Wound, Ostomy and Continence (NSWOC)/Wound Clinician, Nurse Practitioner (NP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upon successful completion of additional NPWT education provided by their specialty, NSWOC may: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide a client-specific order and establish the wound care treatment plan for other nurses to follow. Care for a wound with NPWT Follow this DST
Registered Nurse (RN)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upon successful completion of additional education listed under required education, RNs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Care for wound with NPWT when there is a client specific order in place. Develop a wound care treatment plan based on a client specific order. Follow this DST
Registered Psychiatric Nurse (RPN)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upon successful completion of additional education listed under required education, RPNs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Care for wound with NPWT when there is a client specific order and a wound treatment plan established by an RN. Follow this DST
Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upon successful completion of additional education listed under required education, LPNs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Care for a wound with NPWT: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> when it is stable with a predictable healing trajectory, when there is a client specific order, AND when there is an established wound care treatment plan in place. Follow this DST

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Required Education:

- **RNs, RPNs or LPNs** must successfully complete the following education:
 - Level One Monitor and Manage to care for any NPWT device:
 - [Negative Pressure Wound Therapy: Monitor and Manage](#)
 - Level Two Dressing Application to apply a NPWT device:
 - Contact NSWOC or local Educator or Clinician for education and training
- **LPNs** must also complete [Licensed Practical Nurses – Care of Wounds with a Non-Visible Wound Bed](#) in addition to above education.

Requirements

A Physician, NP, NSWOC or Wound Clinician order is required for the initiation of Negative Pressure Wound Therapy using either a reusable machine or a disposable device.

RNs, RPNs and LPNs require a client specific order from a physician, NP, NSWOC or Wound Clinician: 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 PICO 7 or PICO 14 disposable NPWT system.

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 PICO 7 or PICO 14 disposable NPWT system for all patients, clients and residents across the province.

Procedure

The provincial DST Procedure: NPWT Disposable PICO 7 & PICO 14 Dressing Application provides detailed guidance on the appropriate technique to be used for this procedure and this disposable NPWT system.

Procedure: [NPWT Disposable PICO 7 and PICO 14 – Dressing Application](#)

Expected Patient, Client or Resident Outcomes

Patient, Client or Resident with a wound determined to be appropriate for this dressing type will have his or 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 or care plan.

References

[See procedure document.](#)

Related Documents

[Provincial NPWT Guideline](#)

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