

Negative Pressure Wound Therapy (NPWT): Dressing Application – Veraflo

Site Applicability

VCH and PHC Acute Care sites where NPWT Veraflo 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) or Wound Clinician, Nurse Practitioner (NP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upon successful completion of additional NPWT Veraflo 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 Veraflo 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 Veraflo 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 Veraflo 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 Veraflo: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> when there is an established wound care treatment plan in place. when it is stable with a predictable healing trajectory, when there is a client specific order, AND Follow this DST

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Required Education:

- **RNs, RPNs or LPNs** must successfully complete the following additional education:
 - Level One Monitor and Manage (for any NPWT device), refer to page 3 for the learning plan:
 - [Additional 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 Veraflo using a reusable machine.

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.

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 NPWT Veraflo system for all patients, clients and residents across the province.

Procedure

VCH and PHC nurses will follow this procedure developed by the Provincial Nursing Skin and Wound Committee (see procedure link below) when using NPWT Veraflo system in conjunction with:

- [Negative Pressure Wound Therapy \(NPWT\): Guideline for Adults and Children](#)

The provincial DST [Procedure: NPWT Dressing Application – VACUIta4 Veraflo](#) provides detailed guidance on the appropriate technique to be used for this procedure and this disposable NPWT system.

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

As per site specific practice, document care provided as per the procedure, as well as any unintended outcomes.

References

As per the provincial procedure document.

Related Documents

[Negative Pressure Wound Therapy \(NPWT\): Guideline for Adults and Children](#)

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