

Negative Pressure Wound Therapy (NPWT): Disposable Prevena Customizable 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 Prevena Customizable Dressing

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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 Prevena Customizable disposable NPWT.
- The Prevena Customizable disposable NPWT system is primarily applied by the surgeons in the operating room. In the rare event that the dressing needs to be entirely replaced or initiated outside the operating room, the nurse is required to have specific Prevena specific training ([See practice level table above](#)).

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 Prevena Customizable disposable NPWT system for all patients, clients and residents across the province.

Procedure

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

Procedure: [NPWT Disposable Prevena Customizable 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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