



V.A.C.®
Therapy

3M™ V.A.C.® Via Therapy System

Application and troubleshooting guide



Identify the appropriate wound

- The V.A.C.® Via Therapy System is designed for use on moderate-to low-exudating wounds (<80ml/day), small to medium-sized wounds (up to 250cm³) equal to or smaller than the size of the medium 3M™ V.A.C.® Via Granufoam™ Spiral Dressing.
- Refer to the V.A.C.® Via Therapy System IFU for complete safety information and instructions on how to apply the V.A.C.® Via Granufoam™ Spiral Dressing. Always remember to count and record the number of dressing pieces applied (and removed).

Although the V.A.C.® Via Therapy System is indicated for the same wound types as conventional 3M™ V.A.C.® Therapy, the following are suggested wound types for the V.A.C.® Via Therapy System:

- Bolstering grafts and flaps*
- Surgical wounds
- Diabetic foot ulcers (DFUs)

*Requires use of a non-adherent layer over the graft/flap.

Important:

This information should be used in conjunction with the V.A.C.® Via Therapy System Instructions for Use (IFU).

Please refer to the IFU and the Safety Information Sheet provided with the device.

3M™ V.A.C.® Drape application tips

To achieve an optimal seal after placing the V.A.C.® Via Granufoam™ Spiral Dressing:

1. Apply the 3M™ Cavilon™ No Sting Barrier Film as indicated in the IFU.
2. For wounds in anatomical locations where a seal may be difficult, consider use of a skin adhesive (available in wipes, sprays, and bullets). Allow the skin adhesive to dry for 20 to 30 seconds prior to applying the drape.
 - **Figure 1a:** The skin adhesive is then applied around the periwound, near the edges of the foam (**Figure 1a**). Do **not** apply the adhesive directly on the wound
 - **Figure 1b:** Picture frame the wound with strips of V.A.C.® Drape: the skin adhesive is applied over the edges of the drape.
3. Apply V.A.C.® Drape over skin adhesive (**Figure 1a**) or over picture frame drape (**Figure 1b**) and extend out 3" to 4" beyond the edges of the wound.

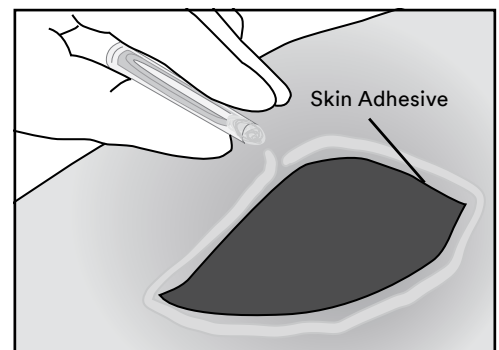


Figure 1a

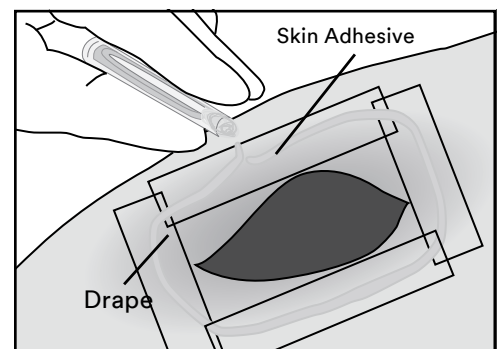


Figure 1b

3M™ SensaT.R.A.C.™ Pad application tips

1. Cut hole approximately 2.5cm (larger than quarter size) to accommodate the SensaT.R.A.C. Pad opening. The hole should be large enough to allow for removal of fluid and/or exudate. Blocking that opening may result in a blockage alarm.
2. Apply skin adhesive around perimeter of the 2.5cm hole (**Figure 2**).
3. Apply SensaT.R.A.C. Pad firmly over skin adhesive and 2.5cm hole.
4. Reinforce the edges of the SensaT.R.A.C. Pad seal with additional strips of the 3M™ V.A.C.® Drape.

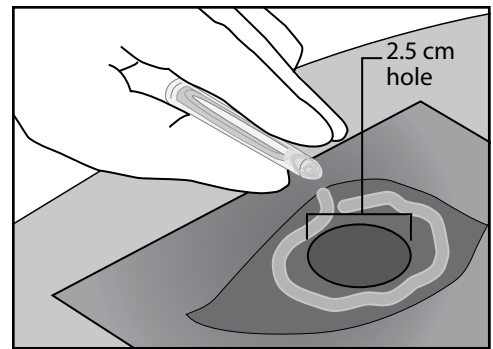


Figure 2

Turn 3M™ V.A.C.® Via Therapy Unit on

Choose therapy setting: -75mmHg or -125mmHg and Continuous or Dynamic Pressure Control™ Therapy Mode.

1. Apply light pressure around the drape (**Figure 3**).
2. Apply light pressure directly over the dressing (**Figure 4**).

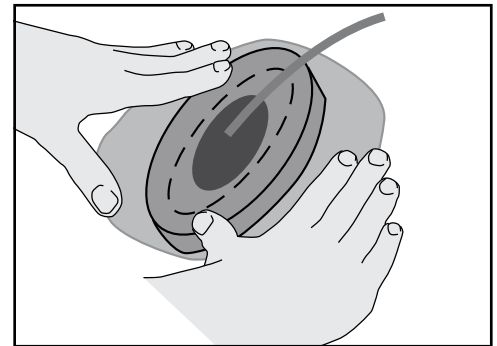


Figure 3

If a leak alarm sounds or the pump is running loudly, consider two possibilities:

1. If there is a leak, apply light pressure around the drape and the dressing. If the leak continues, consider the V.A.C.® Drape application tips 2 and 3 to help ensure a good seal. The pump will run more quietly once the leak has been addressed.
2. If the target pressure threshold has not been achieved, apply light pressure around the drape and the dressing and wait until the dressing fully draws down.

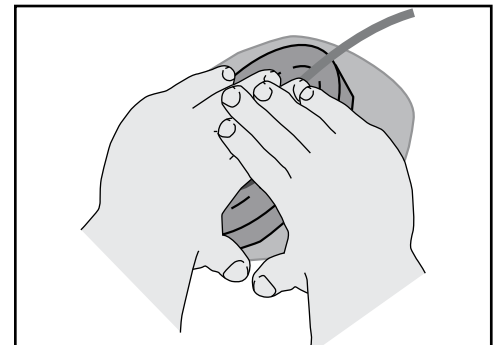


Figure 4

Additional suggestions for a successful placement:

- Ensure there are no wrinkles in the drape.
- Ensure the hole for the SensaT.R.A.C. Pad is approximately 2.5cm in diameter.

Contact your local sales representative for questions about placement of the 3M™ V.A.C.® Via Therapy System

Device Disposal: At the end of therapy, follow local institutional protocols for infection control and waste disposal procedures for dressings and canisters. Local protocols for the disposal of the V.A.C.® Via Therapy Unit should be based on applicable federal, state and/or local government environmental regulations for recycling electronic devices.

Note: Specific indications, contraindications, warnings, precautions and safety information exist for these products and therapies. Please consult a clinician and product instructions for use prior to application. Rx only.



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