

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)

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.

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.



Figure 1a

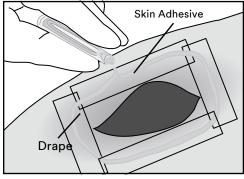


Figure 1b

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

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.

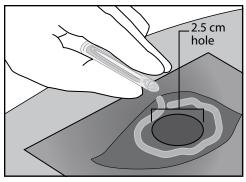


Figure 2

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).

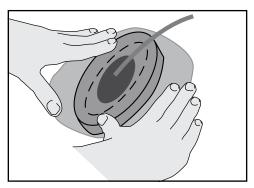


Figure 3

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.

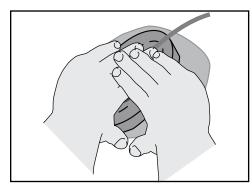


Figure 4

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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