

Patient Safety ALERT: Negative Pressure Wound Therapy (NPWT)



There is a risk that wound contact layer dressings may be retained in wounds when used in conjunction with negative pressure wound therapy.

The wound contact layers may include, but are not restricted to:

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| Mepitel® | Silflex® | N/A dressing® |
| N/A Ultra® | Atrauman® | Cutimed Sorbact® |

They may be used to line wounds dressed with the following negative pressure wound therapy products;

Venturi® NPWT, Renasys® NPWT, Vacuum Assisted Closure (VAC)® or any other NPWT dressing system.

FOR ACTION BY NURSING & MEDICAL STAFF

Where wound contact layers are used to line wounds receiving NPWT the following must be clearly documented in the patient's healthcare record:

- **The indication for the use of a wound liner**
- **The type of dressing being used to line the wound**
- **The number of pieces of liner used**
- **The number of pieces of wound contact layer removed at each dressing change must correspond with the number of pieces as detailed on the care plan and should be noted at each dressing change.**
- **Any change in the number of pieces of wound contact layer used to line the wound**

Please contact your local Tissue Viability Team if you have any queries.

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