

Wound VAC Home Instructions

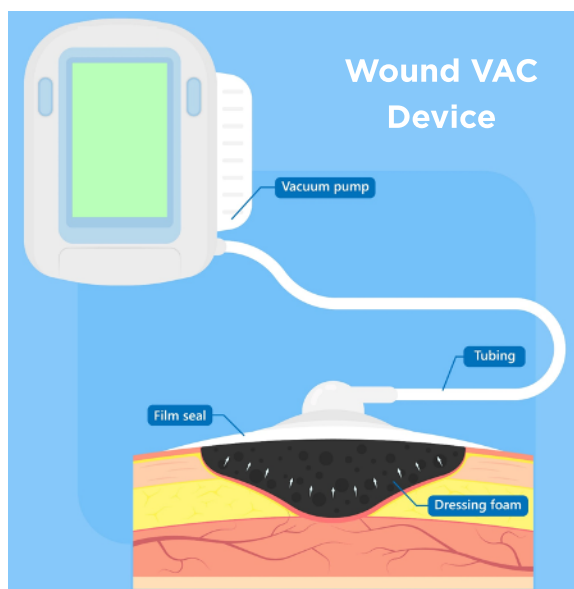
What is Wound VAC therapy?

Wound VAC therapy is a medical device that promotes wound healing. The device applies negative pressure (a vacuum) to the wound. This vacuum helps healing in the following ways —

- draws the edges of the wound together
- removes extra fluids
- encourages new tissue to grow in the wound

How does VAC therapy feel?

Most patients describe VAC therapy as a mild pulling feeling. Most of the time, this feeling is not noticeable after a few minutes.



What to Do if the Alarm Goes Off

The VAC therapy system has an alarm. This will alert you if —

- the canister needs to be replaced
- the dressing seal is not airtight
- the pump is not working right
- the tubing is kinked
- the battery needs to be charged.

When to call the clinic

Call the clinic at **505-272-9020** if —

- the Wound Vac stops working for more than 2 hours
- you have signs of infection at your wound including
 - redness around the wound, especially red streaks
 - the wound feels warmer
 - you feel more pain
 - you have a fever over 100F

If you are bleeding, and putting direct pressure on the wound for 5 minutes doesn't stop the bleeding, **call 911.**