



Prevena Wound Care Vacuum/Aquacel Bandage

This is a handout for you to use as a reference if you should have one placed on your incision site.



Quick Reference

This device is being used to help aid in clearing any drainage that may be present after your incision has been closed by the surgeon.

Length of Time for Wound Vac

The Wound Vac will remain on for a minimum of 7 days (battery life is typically 7-10 days). After post op day 7 **AND** once the battery has died, you will remove the wound vac and apply the Aquacel bandage provided to you at discharge (No earlier than post op day 7). The staples/sutures will be removed in the office at your follow up visit. The wound vac can be thrown away after it has been removed. Please do not bring it to the office. It is safe to place in the trash.



How to Remove Your Wound Vac

Once the batteries have died **OR** you have been instructed by your physician to turn the unit off, start by peeling the clear plastic part of the bandage. Keep peeling until the unit is removed – It will come off in one piece. There are no tubes connected to your body that will need to be removed. **DO NOT CLEAN THE AREA AFTER REMOVAL – DO NOT APPLY ANY TYPE OF TOPICAL OINTMENTS OR LOTIONS.**

How to apply your Aquacel bandage

Immediately apply the provided Aquacel bandage to the incision. If you are applying this bandage to your KNEE – make sure your knee is bent while applying. Please pay close attention to line your incision with the white cotton channel of the Aquacel bandage – Do not place the adhesive portion over your incision. Keep the Aquacel bandage in place until your first post-operative appointment with Dr. Christy. Do not remove this bandage unless you have been instructed to do so. If your bandage has become soiled, please contact our office ASAP. You may shower with the Aquacel bandage in place. **DO NOT** let water directly hit the bandage. Do not submerge the wound in water – **NO BATHS OR POOLS**

Trouble Shooting

The wound vac will turn off and on by itself and it operates using batteries. If there is a problem with the unit, you may call KCI (800-275-4524) or call Dr. Christy's office (912-644-5318).

If there is a problem with the seal of the tape, the unit will recognize this and state there is a problem (please see indicators/alert handout)

****DO NOT TAKE A SHOWER WITH THIS WOUND VAC IN PLACE – SPONGE BATH ONLY****