

East Region Formulary

NHS Borders

Additional Wound Care Products

The categories listed below are not currently covered by the regional formulary, so colleagues in NHS Borders should follow the recommendations detailed here.

For all other items please see the main Wound Care Chapter of the East Region Formulary.

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Vapour-permeable films and membranes

Transparent Film

365 Film				
No fluid handling capacity				
Size and cost per product	6cm x 7cm £0.04p (£0.12)	10cm x 12cm £0.16 (£0.26p)	15cm x 20cm £0.38	

365 Film is a sterile, latex free, self-adhesive, waterproof, transparent film wound dressing. The dressing consists of a semi-permeable polyurethane film membrane coated with a hypoallergenic acrylic adhesive.

Hydrofilm				
No fluid handling capacity				
Size and cost per product	6cm x 7cm £0.23p (£0.19)	10cm x 12.5cm £0.42 (£0.34p)	15cm x 20cm £0.97 (£0.62)	20cm x 30cm £1.61 (£1.35)

Vapour-permeable films and membranes allow the passage of water vapour and oxygen but are impermeable to water and micro-organisms. They are highly conformable, provide protection, and a moist healing environment

Indications for use:	Dry, non-infected wounds • retention of lines • fixation of secondary dressings. •Used as a secondary dressing over alginates or hydrogels
Contraindications:	Water vapour loss can occur at a slower rate than exudate is generated, so that fluid accumulates under the dressing which can lead to tissue maceration of the skin. Vapour-permeable films and membranes are unsuitable for infected, large heavily exuding wounds, and chronic leg ulcers
Can stay in place for:	The film dressing can stay in place for one day to several days depending on the wound and on the skin condition.
*Tip	Transparent film dressings permit constant observation of the wound Films, when applied properly are shower proof

Vapour Permeable Film with Absorbent Pad

Leukomed® T Plus				
Dry to minimally exuding wounds				
Size and cost per dressing	5cm x 7.2cm £0.27 (€0.08)	8cm x 10cm £0.55 (€0.17)	8cm x 15cm £0.82 (€0.16)	

Leukomed T-Plus is a sterile film dressing with absorbent pad suitable for minimally exuding clean wounds.

Indications for use:	Leukomed® T plus is intended to cover superficial wounds and wounds after surgery • Protects against friction • Granulating wounds
Contraindications:	Unsuitable for infected, large heavily exuding wounds, and chronic leg ulcers
Can stay in place for	The film dressing can stay in place for one day to several days depending on the wound and on the skin condition.
*Tip	To painlessly and gently remove the dressing stretch it at one corner and pull it towards you.

Topical Negative Pressure Systems (rental)

Adaptic Touch *For use with VAC therapy				
Silicone non contact layer for use with NPWT				
Size and cost per dressing	5 x 7.6cm £1.13	7.6 x 11cm £2.25	12.7 x 15cm £4.65	20 x 32cm £12.50

V.A.C *Specialist prescribing					
Size and cost per product	Accessories Drape 30.5x26cm - £9.39 (£7.84) Gel strip 14x3cm - £3.76 (£3.36) Tubing cap – 20p ATS canister with gel 500ml (x10) - £30.00 (£0.01P)	V.A.C Granufoam – Small Medium Large bridge dressing kit -£32.04	VAC simplace ex dressing kit Small - £26.60 Med - £30.58 Negative pressure wound therapy advanced drape £8.82	VAC Whitefoam Dressing Small - £10.64 (£9.28) Large - £17.04 (£14.48) Dressing kit Small - £25.91 Large - £33.54	Area stores only

Negative Pressure Wound Therapy (NPWT) also known as Topical Negative Pressure (TNP) or Vacuum Assisted Closure (V.A.C). The Acelity (K.C.I) V.A.C Therapy system is the HB's chosen NPWT device. It is the most established NPWT system and uses a vacuum assisted method to create intermittent or continuous negative pressure at the wound bed.

Indications for use:	Dehisced surgical wounds Diabetic/neuropathic ulcers Chronic wounds Partial/full thickness pressure ulcers
Contraindications:	Patient non-concordance. Malignancy within the wound, known or suspected. Osteomyelitis, untreated by appropriate antibiotic therapy. Necrotic tissue, hard eschar. Exposed blood vessels, nerves, anastomotic sites or organs. Wounds with fistulas opening into a body cavity. Wounds where acute or chronic enteric fistulas are present. Wounds with sharp edges or where bone fragments are present. Non enteric and unexplored fistula. Impaired mental capacity (refer to Mental Capacity Act, 2005).
Can stay in place for:	It is recommended that dressings are changed every 48 – 72 hours but no less than 2 times per week, based on individual assessment. Infected wounds may need to be changed more frequently.
*Tip	Patients must be able to carry the NPWT device safely and not be considered a falls risk

V.A.C. VERAFLOR [®] *Specialist prescribing				
Size and cost per product – Dressings to be used with V.A.C.Ultra system	V.A.C. VERAFLOR [®] Dressing Small £201.50	V.A.C. VERAFLOR [®] CLEANSE [™] Dressing £562.68	V.A.C. VERALINK [™] Cassette £126.21	Area stores only
	V.A.C. VERAFLOR [®] Dressing Medium £214.86	V.A.C. VERAFLOR [®] CLEANSE CHOICE [™] Dressing £468.84		
	V.A.C. VERAFLOR [®] Dressing Large £331.80			

V.A.C.[®] Therapy with automated topical wound solution distribution and removal to deliver additional therapeutic benefits. This therapy is available as an option on the V.A.C.Ultra[™] System. May be considered when clinical assessment has determined surgical debridement is not possible or not appropriate. The dressing's design facilitates removal of thick wound exudate, such as fibrin, slough, to provide a wound cleansing option for clinicians when surgical debridement must be delayed or is not possible or appropriate.

Indications for use:	<p>Instillation Therapy (VERAFLO[™] Therapy) is indicated for patients who would benefit from vacuum assisted drainage and controlled delivery of topical wound treatment solutions and suspensions over the wound bed.</p> <p>The V.A.C.ULTRA[™] Negative Pressure Wound Therapy System with instillation is indicated for patients with chronic, acute, traumatic, sub-acute and dehiscent wounds, partial-thickness burns, ulcers (such as diabetic, pressure and venous insufficiency), flaps and grafts.</p>
Contraindications:	<p>Do not place foam dressings of the V.A.C.ULTRA[™] Therapy System (including V.A.C. VERAFLOR[™] Therapy Dressings) directly in contact with exposed blood vessels, anastomotic sites, organs, or nerves. (NOTE: Refer to Warnings section of IFU for additional information concerning Bleeding)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Malignancy in the wound • Untreated osteomyelitis • Non-enteric and unexplored fistulas • Necrotic tissue with eschar present <p>(NOTE: After debridement of necrotic tissue and complete removal of eschar, V.A.C.[®] Therapy may be used.)</p> <p>Do not use V.A.C.[®] Therapy Dressings with Octenisept[™] (Schülke & Mayr GmbH)*, hydrogen peroxide or solutions that are alcohol-based or contain alcohol.</p> <p>Do not deliver fluids to the thoracic cavity or abdominal cavity due to the potential risk to alter core body temperature and the potential for fluid retention within the cavity.</p> <p>Do not use V.A.C. VERAFLOR[™] Therapy unless the wound has been thoroughly explored due to the potential for inadvertent instillation of topical wound solutions to adjacent body cavities.</p> <p>Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) – V.A.C.[®] Dressings: V.A.C.[®] Dressings and V.A.C. VERAFLOR[™] Therapy Dressings can typically remain on the patient with minimal risk in an MR environment, assuming that use of the V.A.C.ULTRA[™] Therapy System is not interrupted for more than two hours.</p>
Can stay in place for:	It is recommended that dressings are changed every 48 – 72 hours but no less than 2 times per week, based on individual assessment. Infected wounds may need to be changed more frequently.
*Tips	Pauses in Negative Pressure: Application of V.A.C. VERAFLOR [™] Therapy will result in pauses of negative pressure wound therapy, which is not recommended on wounds requiring continuous V.A.C. [®] Therapy.

Disposable NPWT Units

SNAP <i>*Specialist prescribing</i>				
Size and cost per product	SNAP™ Therapy Cartridge 60ml SNPA125 £73.10 (£73.11)	SNAP™ Advanced Dressing Kit	SNAP™ Therapy Strap	SNAP™ SecurRing™ Hydrocolloid 5cm SRNG10 (box of 10) (£35.90) Area stores only
		10cm x 10cm SKTF10X10 £28.67 (£31.54)	Small 46cm STPAS £7.00 (£7.70)	
		15cm x 15cm SKTF15X15 £33.45 (£36.80)	Medium 53cm STPAM £7.00 (£7.70)	
		SNAP™ Bridge Dressing Kit 14cm x 11cm BKTF14X11 (£50.49)	Large 61cm STPAL £7.00 (£7.70)	

SNAP is a portable, disposable NPWT system creates negative pressure wound therapy without need of electrical power or batteries. Silent in operation it delivers negative pressure up to - 125mmHg. A built-in canister fills with exudate. Similar to electrically-powered NPWT systems, mechanically-powered SNAP™ System draws wound edges together and removes infectious material and exudate from the wound.

Indications for use:	The SNAP™ System is indicated for removal of small amounts of exudate from chronic, acute, traumatic, subacute and dehisced wounds, partial-thickness burns, ulcers (such as diabetic, venous, or pressure), surgically closed incisions, flaps and grafts.
Contraindications:	<p>The SNAP™ System should not be applied over:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inadequately drained wounds • Necrotic tissue, such as eschar or adherent slough • Exposed blood vessels, anastomotic sites, organs, tendons or nerves • Wounds containing malignancy • Fistulas • Untreated osteomyelitis • Actively bleeding wounds <p>The SNAP™ Therapy Cartridge and fitting are not indicated for use in a hyperbaric oxygen therapy environment.</p>
Can stay in place for:	It is recommended that SNAP™ Advanced Dressing is changed at a minimum of two times per week, with frequency adjusted by the clinician as appropriate
*Tip	

	Can be used as a step down from VAC therapy when wound is shallow and exudate levels low. It allows patients to be more independent and mobile.
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Nanova Therapy System *Specialist prescribing				
Size and cost per product	Nanova Therapy Unit - £71.40 (£90.09)	Small Dressing 14cm x 18cm - £38.00 (£47.88)	Medium Dressing 18cm x 18cm – 39.72 (£50.03)	Large Dressing 18cm x 28cm - £40.72 (£51.31)

Small, lightweight, disposable negative pressure therapy system that can be used for up to 30 days. Mechanical pump action delivers -125mmHg.

Indications for use:	The NANOVA™ Therapy System helps to simplify the delivery of negative pressure therapy when treating small- to medium-sized, shallow-cavity wounds with small amounts of exudate. Removal of small volumes of exudate from small chronic, acute, traumatic, subacute and dehisced wounds including partial-thickness burns, ulcers (such as diabetic, venous or pressure), surgically closed incisions, flaps and grafts.
Contraindications:	Malignant wounds and untreated osteomyelitis.
Can stay in place for:	Dressing for 3 days or if strike through The unit is Mechanically Powered with 30-day Use Life- single patient use.
*Tip	Can be used as a step down from VAC therapy when wound is shallow and exudate levels low. It allows patients to be more independent and mobile.

PICO *Specialist prescribing				
To be used in Theatre, Ward 7 and Ward 9				
Size and cost per product	10cm x 20cm - £127.06	10cm x 30cm - £126.43	10cm x 40cm - £145.68	

A single-use, portable negative pressure wound therapy (NPWT) system that manages low to moderate volumes of exudate. The lightweight pump delivers negative pressure of -80mmHg and provides therapy for up to 7 days.

Indications for use:	Chronic wounds • Acute wounds • Traumatic • subacute and dehisced wounds • ulcers (such as diabetic or pressure) • flaps and grafts • surgically closed incision sites.
Contraindications:	Do not use on patients with malignancy in the wound bed or wound margins (except in palliative care to improve quality of life); previously confirmed or untreated osteomyelitis; non-enteric and unexplored fistulas; necrotic tissue with eschar present; exposed arteries, veins, nerves or organs; anastomotic sites; emergency airway aspiration; pleural, mediastinal or chest tube drainage; and surgical suction. Always refer to Pico Instructions for Use for information on indication, application and contraindications.
Can stay in place for:	The system lasts for 7 days , dressings changed as required based on strike through or seal
*Tip	The system consists of 1 pump, 2 sterile dressings, sterile retention strips and 2 AA batteries. If more dressings are required consider changing to VAC

Bandaging & Wadding

Light Weight Conforming Bandages

Any bandaging of the lower limbs should start at the toes and extend to just below the knee in either a spiral or a figure of eight application. This is to aid in reducing the risk of oedema and/or reduce the risk of a tourniquet affect.

Premierband Conforming Cotton Stretch				
Not designed to manage exudate				
Size and cost per dressing	5cmx4m 0.06p (0.76p)	7.5cmx4m 0.09p (£1.05)	10cmx4m 0.1p (1p)	15cmx4m 0.16p (18p)

Non-sterile latex free cotton retention bandage. Designed to retain wound dressings securely in place anywhere on the body without constriction or compression. Supplied with non-fray edges and light enough to be worn with normal clothing and shoes.

Premierband Light support Crepe				
Not designed to manage exudate				
Size and cost per dressing	5cm x 4m 12p (7p)	7.5cm x 4m 14p (9p)	10cm x 4m 17p (12p)	15cm x 4m 25p (18p)

Sterile, 100% cotton crepe stretch bandage.

Actiwrap				
Not designed to manage exudate				
Size and cost per dressing	6cm x 4m (£0.47)	8cm x 4m (£0.69)	10cm x 4m (£0.82)	

Cohesive, flexible latex-free retention bandage. To retain dressings without needing tape or pins. The cohesive nature reduces the risk of slippage

Tubular Retention Bandages

Tubular bandages can be used instead of traditional bandages to hold dressings in place where minimal support is required. Elasticated tubular bandages are particularly suitable for retaining bandages on difficult parts of the body or for soft tissue injury.

Clinifast Tubular Bandage (Clinisupplies)				
Elasticated viscose stockinette not designed to manage exudate				
Size and cost per dressing	3.5cm x1m– red line 56p- (3.5cm x 10m £1.68)	5cm x 1m green line 58p, 5cm x 3m green line £1.62 5cm x 5m green line £2.81 (5cm x10m green line £1.86)	7.5cm x1m – blue line 77p 7.5cm x 3m – blue line £2.13 7.5cm x 5m – blue line £3.74 (7.5cm x10m- blue line £1.99)	10.75cm x 1m £1.20 10.75cm x 3m £3.49 10.75cm x 5m £6.04 (10.75cmx10m) yellow line £3.02)

A range of tubular bandages for dressing retention and wet and dry wrapping. Elasticated Viscose Stockinette, Light, breathable and soft fabric provides comfort. Available in 5 colour coded sizes.

IMS Ribbed bandage Elasticated Tubular Stockinette		
Not designed to manage exudate		
Size and cost per dressing	Stores only 7.5cm x 5m - (£3.09)	Stores only 10cm x 5m - (£4.70)

These are latex free, ribbed stockinettes, jersey tubular bandage. For protection of several parts of the body in areas such as dermatology or orthopaedics. They are seamless, smooth and have excellent dermophilic properties. Made from 100% cotton. Due to the product characteristics, the indicated widths are approximated.

Comfinette lightweight surgical stockinette					
Not designed to manage exudate					
Size and cost per dressing	(34) 4.5cm x 20m (£1.87)	(56) 7.5cm x20m - (£2.94)	(78) 8.8cm x 20m - (£2.41)	(T1) 15cm x 20m - (£4.95)	(T2) 20cm x 20m (£5.01)
Area stores only					

A cost-effective range of Tubular Bandages ideal for dressing retention. Made from 100% viscose, ComfiNette™ is ideal for frequent dressing changes. Available as 20 metre rolls in 8 widths to fit all areas of the body.

Surgifix elastic net bandage

Not designed to manage exudate

Size and cost per dressing

Size 5 x 25m (2.60)

Size 5.5 x 25m (£3.32)

Soft white elastic net bandage, knitted from polyester, polyamide and latex threads - it is cool, comfortable and bulk-free. Can be stretched without shrinking or distorting and minimises tourniquet effect. Does not restrict patient movement.

**Stockinette garments –
Prescription only**

Choose most cost effect garment to meet clinical need

Elasticated Tubular Bandage

CLINlgrip

Not designed to manage exudate

Size A	1m x 4.50cm - £1.10	0.5 x 4.50cm - £0.61	
Size B	1m x 6.25cm - £1.10	0.5m x 6.25cm - £0.61	
Size C	1m x 6.75cm - £1.17	0.5m x 6.75cm - £0.66	
Size D	1m x 7.50cm - £1.19	0.5m x 7.50cm - £0.74	
Size E	1m x 8.75cm - £1.26	0.5m x 8.75cm - £0.74	
Size F	0.5cm x 10.0cm - £0.74	1m x 10.0cm - £1.26	
Size G	1m x 12.0cm - £1.47	0.5m x 12.0cm - £0.77	
Size J	1m x 17.50cm - £1.59	0.5m x 17.50cm - £0.92	

Clinigrip® is an elastically tubular bandage providing light support for muscle sprains and strains and to support joints.

Wadding Bandages

Lantor FormFlex (Natural)

Not designed to manage exudate

Size and cost per dressing	5cm x 2.7m (14p)	7.5cm x 2.7m (19p)	10cm x 2.7m (25p)	15cm x 2.7m (36p)	20cm x 2.7m (50p)	Area stores only
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Natural Orthopaedic undercast padding.

Softban (eco)

Not designed to manage exudate

Size and cost per dressing	5cmx2.7m (0.1p)	7.5cm x 2.7m (0.18p)	10cm x 2.7m (0.22p)	15cm x 2.7m (0.32p)	20cm x 2.7m (0.44p)
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Synthetic Orthopaedic undercast padding.

FlexiBan

Not designed to manage exudate

Size and cost per dressing	10cmx3.5m £0.50			
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Sub-compression bandage padding.

Indications for use:	Orthopaedic wadding may be used as the first layer of multilayer compression bandage system. Or under a cast.
Contraindications:	Please note Wadding bandages do not provide absorption or protection and are non sterile, they should only be used under compression or for orthopaedics or dermatology.
Can stay in place for:	Dictated by primary and secondary dressings and level of exudate
*Tip	Flexiban is the preferred wadding for under compression. Wadding can stick to dry flaky skin, consider non contact primary.