

Physician Education Express



Cerner PowerPlan: Negative Pressure Wound Therapy “Wound VACs”

Audience: Staff Physicians, Residents, & Advanced Practice Providers

Education Level- RED

Effective: 7/31/2023

SUMMARY

Recent incident trends revealed inconsistent practice regarding usage of the Negative Pressure Wound Therapy (NPWT) PowerPlan and confusion with appropriate management of wound VACs. When the NPWT PowerPlan is not utilized, the care team does not have all appropriate orders to properly care for wound VAC patients thus resulting in missed care or improper management of dressings.

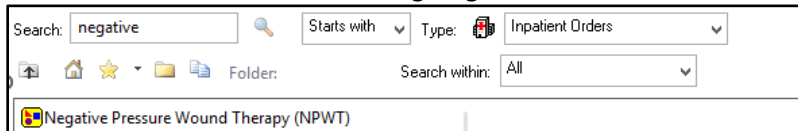
Assessment:

The NPWT PowerPlan should be active for **EVERY** patient that has NPWT in place. This should be completed by the provider ordering NPWT. This order communicates there is a VAC in place as well as who is managing the dressing (Surgery, WOC Team, PTWT).

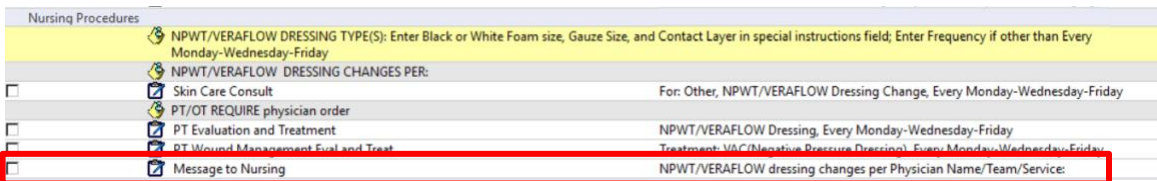
Next Steps:

To prevent missed dressing changes or delays in appropriate wound care the following should be implemented:

1. NPWT PowerPlan is entered when ordering Negative Pressure Wound Therapy



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 2. Select appropriate type of NPWT (ie. Traditional VAC, Veraflo, Abthera, Disposable) settings if desired and dressing change frequency
 3. Choose appropriate team to manage NPWT (WOC, PTWT, Surgery)



****When consulted, the IP WOC/PTWT should also be ensuring the PowerPlan is in and active****