

V.A.C.® Therapy Application

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1. Perform a thorough cleaning of wound and periwound area per physician order or institutional protocol prior to each dressing application. Dry periwound tissue.



2. Assess wound dimension including presence of undermining or tunnels.



3. Consider the use of skin preparation product to protect the periwound skin.



4. Protect fragile or friable periwound skin with an additional V.A.C.® Drape, hydrocolloid, or other transparent film.



5. Carefully tear the V.A.C.® Simplace Dressing along the perforation to a size that will allow the foam to be placed gently into the wound without overlapping onto intact skin. Do not cut the foam over the wound as fragments may fall into the wound.



6. Gently place the foam into the wound cavity ensuring contact with all wound surfaces. Do not pack the dressing into the wound. Always count the number of foam pieces placed in the wound and record on the tag/drape/ or patient record.



7. Trim the V.A.C.® Drape to cover the V.A.C.® Simplace Dressing and an additional 3- to 5-cm border of intact tissue.



8. Place the adhesive face down and apply V.A.C.® Drape to cover foam and intact skin ensuring V.A.C.® Drape covers at least a 3- to 5-cm border of intact periwound tissue.



9. Choose T.R.A.C. Pad application site (the central disc must lay on top of foam only):

- Bridging away from wound – go to 'Off-loading' application guide
- Bridging two wounds together – go to 'Bridging Two Wounds' application guide
- If neither 'a' nor 'b' apply, go to step 10.

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10. Pinch V.A.C.®
Drape and carefully cut
an approximately 2.5-cm
hole through the drape.



11. Remove both
backing layers from pad.



12. Place pad opening
in central disk directly
over hole in V.A.C.®
Drape, and apply gentle
pressure to ensure
complete adhesion of
the pad.



13. Pull back on blue
tab to remove pad
stabilization layer.



14. Connect
SensaT.R.A.C.® Pad tubing
to canister tubing and
ensure clamp on each
tube is open.



15. Turn on power to
the V.A.C.® Therapy Unit
and select prescribed
therapy settings to initiate
therapy.



Note: Specific indications, contraindications, warnings, precautions, and safety information exist for KCI products and therapies. Please consult a physician and production instructions for use prior to application. This material is intended for healthcare professionals only.

