



APRIA HEALTHCARE®

# Initiation of Negative Pressure Wound Therapy (NPWT) Form

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Your Apria Representative \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

To expedite the processing of your Negative Pressure Wound Therapy (NPWT) order and to minimize call backs and follow-up requests, please provide all required documentation up front. Please utilize this checklist to ensure all necessary documentation is included so your order can be processed quickly.

## PATIENT INFORMATION

Patient name \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

### Negative Pressure Wound Therapy Documentation Requirements

#### Documentation Needed for NPWT Orders

- A detailed written order/prescription signed and dated by the treating authorized prescriber
- Copy of patient demographics (if applicable) (e.g., face sheet)
- Patient insurance information (if not available on face sheet)
- Copy of discharge summary (if applicable)
- Copy of history and physical (H and P)
- Documentation of wound measurements (Length x Width x Depth), include unit of measure
- Amount of exudate (if available/can assist with qualifying)
- Documentation of patient's nutritional status
- Documentation to support debridement of necrotic tissue if present

If other therapies were considered and ruled out, what conditions prevented you from using other therapies prior to applying Negative Pressure Wound Therapy?:

- Presence of co-morbidities
- High risk of infections
- Need for accelerated granulation tissue
- Prior history of delayed wound healing
- Other, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Required for Traumatic or Surgical Wounds

- Date of surgery or other (Please describe in chart notes)
- Copy of pre-operative report
- Copy of post-operative report
- Additional supporting documentation required for complications of surgically created wounds (e.g., dehiscence, flaps or grafts)

#### Required for Chronic Pressure Ulcer: Stage III or Stage IV

- Turning and positioning regimen employed and documented
- Moisture and incontinence management documentation history (e.g., Foley catheter, bowel and bladder program)
- If wound is located on trunk or pelvis, documentation showing a low air loss or alternating air mattress (MUST be group 2 or group 3 support surface for Medicare) was tried, or considered and ruled out prior to NPWT
- Duration of pressure ulcer (Include number of days in chart notes)

#### Required for Diabetic/Neuropathic Ulcers

- Documentation showing that pressure has been off-loaded from the wound area (e.g., foot ulcers)
- Documentation of comprehensive diabetic management program (e.g., endocrinologist notes, diet, education provided, glucose readings, labs, etc.)

#### Required for Venous Stasis Ulcers

- Documentation showing that compression bandages and/or garments have been consistently applied
- Documentation that elevation/ambulation encouraged

Please note: This list represents a condensed listing of common documentation requirements that are needed in order to process NPWT orders for patients with Medicare and other payors. Documentation requirements vary by payor and additional documentation may be requested based on individual payor guidelines.

Referral contact name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_



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## REFERRAL SOURCE

Referral name \_\_\_\_\_ Referral contact name \_\_\_\_\_  
Order date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

### PLEASE SEND PATIENT DEMOGRAPHICS, CHART NOTES AND INSURANCE INFORMATION

## PATIENT INFORMATION

Patient name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Insurance Provider \_\_\_\_\_ Insurance ID # \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION 1 — PATIENT ORDER INFORMATION (Complete in full or fax copy of written prescription)

Diagnosis Code ICD-10. Write in complete code(s). \_\_\_\_\_

**I prescribe a Negative Pressure Wound Therapy Pump, and up to 15 wound care sets/dressing kits per wound per month and 10 canister sets per month**

OR alternatively, I prescribe the Negative Pressure Wound Therapy Pump and up to \_\_\_\_\_ dressing kits (quantity) per wound per month, and \_\_\_\_\_ canister sets (quantity) per month.

Number of months:  1 month  2 months  3 months  4 months  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Pressure setting \_\_\_\_\_ Frequency of dressing changes \_\_\_\_\_

Wound location and measurements MUST be documented in patient's chart notes, using the format Length x Width x Depth. Wound measurement date and unit of measure also must be included.

## SUPPLIES FOR DELIVERY

For proper processing, please choose ONE row/size and check one box.

Kit Size	Foam Dressing Kits	Other: (White Foam, Gauze Rolls or Other)
Small	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Medium/Regular	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Large	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> _____

Note: Foam kits do not include scissors.

Type of pump:  Avance Flex  Medela Liberty  Medela Motion  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Other specifications: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing and dating, I attest that I am prescribing Negative Pressure Wound Therapy as medically necessary and all other applicable treatments have been tried or considered and ruled out. I have read and understand all safety information and other instructions for use included with therapy clinical guidelines. Additionally, I have reviewed the information provided in this form and attest to its accuracy.

Prescriber name _____	NPI # _____
Address _____	City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____	Fax _____
Prescriber signature _____	Date _____

***Treating prescriber's original signature and date are required (no stamps).***



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## SECTION 2 — PATIENT DELIVERY AND FOLLOW-UP CARE

### PATIENT DELIVERY

Requested delivery date \_\_\_\_\_ Requested delivery time \_\_\_\_\_

**Hospital Delivery** Hospital/facility name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Room number \_\_\_\_\_ Direct phone number to patient's room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Anticipated hospital/facility discharge date (if applicable)\* \_\_\_\_\_

\*Medicare allows delivery to a hospital/facility up to 48 hours prior to anticipated discharge for the purpose of fitting and training.

**Delivery to Patient's Home** — SAME ADDRESS AS LISTED ON THE FIRST PAGE OF THIS ORDER FORM

OR

**Delivery to Alternate Address** Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

### PATIENT FOLLOW-UP CARE

Name of Home Health Agency following the patient \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Wound Care Clinic following the patient (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

### COMMON ICD-10 CODES FOR NEGATIVE PRESSURE WOUND THERAPY

Negative pressure wound therapy is not diagnosis-driven. Therefore, Medicare does not provide a defined set of codes that must be used with this equipment.

Please note that the patient's condition and diagnosis must be documented. A code alone will not support medical necessity.

The following list is a short list of diagnosis codes commonly used with negative pressure wound therapy.

Description	ICD-10 Codes
Varicose Veins with Ulcer	I83.001 – I83.029
Varicose Veins with Ulcer, Lower Extremity	I83.202 – I83.229
Venous Insufficiency (Chronic) (Peripheral)	I87.2
Cellulitis of Limb	L03.113 – L03.116
Cellulitis, Unspecified	L03.90
Pilonidal Cyst with Abscess	L05.01
Pressure Ulcer, Various	Various L89 Codes
Disruption of Wound, Unspecified	T81.30XA – T81.30XS
Disruption of External Operation (Surgical) Wound	T81.31XA – T81.31XS
Non-Pressure Chronic Ulcer of Unspecified Heel and Midfoot with Unspecified Severity	L97.409
Non-Pressure Chronic Ulcer of Unspecified Part of Unspecified Lower Leg with Unspecified Severity	L97.909
Other Complications of Procedures, Not Elsewhere Classified, Initial Encounter	T81.89XA