

# Orthopedic surgery:

## Hip and knee arthroplasties

Our patient population is growing and we are seeing an increased number of elderly patients, higher rates of obesity and additional comorbidities. Post-operative surgery complications and hospital stays are increasing.<sup>1</sup>

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Single Use Negative Pressure  
Wound Therapy System

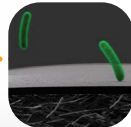
A recent RCT found that patients undergoing primary hip and knee arthroplasties saw a reduction in superficial surgical site complications, compared to standard of care, helping to **significantly reduce length of hospital stays**.<sup>1</sup>

**76%**

Reduction in  
superficial surgical  
site complications\*<sup>1</sup>  
(p=0.06)

**Reduce extreme  
length of  
hospital stays\*<sup>1</sup>**

**NPWT has multiple mechanisms of action that can help improve the speed, strength and quality of incisional wound closure.**<sup>2</sup>



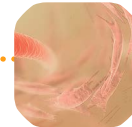
Helps protect the incision from external contamination<sup>3</sup>



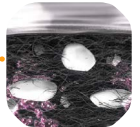
Helps hold closed incision edges together and helps reduce tension across the incision<sup>4</sup>



Helps support improved perfusion<sup>5</sup>



May help reduce edema<sup>5</sup>



May help reduce seroma and hematoma fluid collections<sup>6,7</sup>

\*Reduction in surgical site complications: 220 patient study, PICO sNPWT 2.0%; control group 8.4%.

# Case Studies with PICO<sup>®</sup> System

## Case 1: Knee replacement

### Background<sup>8</sup>

74-year old female with type II diabetes and arthritis, underwent her third knee replacement procedure following recurrent infections.

### PICO intervention

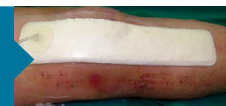
- Patient developed a dehiscence and 14 days post-surgery the incision site failed to show signs of improvement
- The decision was made to apply the PICO System. After seven days of treatment with PICO sNPWT, the progression of the surgical wound was favorable
- All of the staples were removed, the PICO System was removed and the patient was discharged

Individual results will vary | When PICO sNPWT is used on infected wounds, more frequent dressing changes may be required. Regular monitoring of the wound should be maintained to check for signs of infection.

Beginning of treatment



Application



Progression after 7 days



## Case 2: Hip implant

### Background<sup>9</sup>

A 53-year old man suffering from osteoarthritis had surgery for a hip implant. His wound, closed by suture and Steri-Strips<sup>TM</sup> measured 17.5cm x 0.5cm.

### PICO intervention

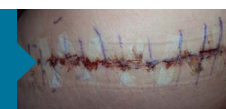
- He was given a PICO System with the dressing measuring 10cm x 30cm
- A routine dressing change was performed on day three
- At this point, his wound was progressing to closure with no infection and light exudate
- The patient remained comfortable, although on day five, some bruising was noted around the lower aspect of the dressing, which remained for a few days
- At the routine dressing change on day ten, the wound was found to be closed
- Overall the clinician was very satisfied with the treatment

Individual results will vary | Sharp edges or bone fragments in a wound must be covered or removed prior to using PICO sNPWT due to the risk of puncturing organs or blood vessels while under negative pressure.

Beginning of treatment



Wound on day 3, before application



Wound on day 3, after application



Progression after 10 days



## Key studies to reference:

**Karlakki et al., (2016)** Incisional Negative Pressure Wound Therapy dressings (iNPWTd) in routine primary hip and knee arthroplasties: a randomized control trial

**Nherera et al., (2017)** Cost-effectiveness analysis of single-use negative pressure wound therapy dressings (sNPWT) to reduce surgical site complications (SSC) in routine primary hip and knee replacements

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