

PICO[◇] sNPWT pathway for non-healing wounds:



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Note:
ACTICOAT FLEX 3 Dressing is only approved for use with negative pressure wound therapy for up to 3 days

Patient selection

Identify appropriate patients

Suggested wound selection criteria

- Wound has reduced in area by less than 40% over previous 4 weeks
- If there are signs of clinical infection use in combination with ACTICOAT[®] FLEX 3 Dressing
- None of the PICO sNPWT contraindications for negative pressure apply

Weekly wound assessment**

- Use simple length and width measures for area and % healing calculation
- Change exudate levels
- Change in granulation tissue %
- Change in pain levels

Week 0
Apply PICO sNPWT

Week 1
Apply PICO sNPWT

Weekly decision point
Wound assessment and apply PICO sNPWT

Non-responder. Stop PICO sNPWT. Wound reduced in area by <5% at week 2 (compared to week 0 area), <7.5% at week 3 or <10% at week 4 with no significant improvement in granulation tissue quality/quantity,* static (0%) or increased in size (deteriorated)

ALLEVYN[®] Wound Dressings and further investigation on onward referral to a specialist service

Good responder. Stop PICO sNPWT. Wound reduced in area by >40% (but can re-institute if wound healing rate stalls – at clinicians judgement*)

ALLEVYN Wound Dressings

Use clinical and economical judgement to determine whether PICO sNPWT treatment should be continued on a week-by-week basis. Wound reduced in area between 10%-40%

sNPWT: Single use negative pressure wound therapy

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This pathway is adapted from Dowsett, Hampton, et al. 2017,¹ designed to help prevent overuse of the therapy and ensure that patients who may benefit most are able to access the treatment for an optimal period of time.

*Wounds that have healed by <10% but have shown significant improvement in granulation tissue quality/quantity may be considered for further PICO sNPWT treatment based on clinician judgement.

**Wound depth measurements may also be considered as part of the weekly wound assessment. Whether to continue treatment with PICO sNPWT based on changes on wound depth is at the judgment and discretion of the healthcare professional

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Reference 1. Dowsett C, Hampton K, Myers D, Styche T. Use of PICO to improve clinical and economic outcomes in hard-to-heal wounds. Wounds International. 2017;8(2):52–58.

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