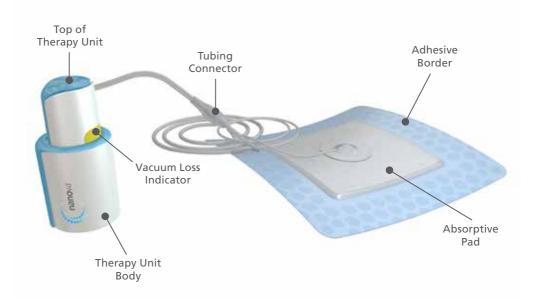


Frequently Asked Questions



The Nanova™
Therapy System is a negative pressure enhanced modern wound dressing.

What is Nanova[™] Therapy?

Nanova[™] Therapy is a system that uses negative pressure (a vacuum) to help promote wound healing by removing excess fluid and materials that may prevent healthy tissue from forming.

Important Note for Patients: Only your physician can diagnose and appropriately treat your condition. Ask your doctor about the risks and benefits of the Nanova[™] Therapy System and whether it is right for your wound. For product indications and contraindications for use and other important safety information, please review the Instructions for Use and contact your prescribing healthcare professional.

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How is negative pressure (a vacuum) produced?

The Nanova[™] Therapy Systems consists of a therapy unit (vacuum pump), an adhesive dressing and GranuFoam[™] wound filler.

Tubing on the dressing (picture 1) is connected to the therapy unit, which is then pumped until all the air is removed from the dressing and the yellow indicator line is no longer visible. (picture 2)





(Picture 1)

(Picture 2)

Will Nanova[™] Therapy be painful?

Pain is very individual, so while some persons may experience no pain, others may feel mild to significant discomfort. If you experience any discomfort or pain, you should discuss this with your clinical caregiver.

How do I know if the system is working?

The top of the therapy unit will remain depressed, and the yellow indicator (picture 3) will not be visible.



(Picture 3)

No visible indicator line: vacuum present



(Picture 4)
Visible yellow indicator line: vacuum lost

What do I do if the yellow indicator can be seen on the therapy unit?

First, check the connection between the therapy unit and the tubing to the dressing to confirm the tubing has not been disconnected (picture 1). Reconnect if necessary, then pump the top of the unit to restart therapy.

If the top of the unit will not stay down, check the dressing to ensure it is sealed properly. If there are any creases in the dressing, carefully lift the adhesive border and reapply to remove the crease (picture 5A). Smooth all around the dressing, working from the edge of the white pad out to the edge of the dressing (picture 5B). Next, pump the top of the unit until it remains fully down with no yellow indicator visible. Speak to your clinical caregiver if your dressing is under a bandage.



(Picture 5A)



(Picture 5B)



What to do if the plunger will not remain depressed?

You may still have a leak, so there won't be a vacuum, but the dressing will still absorb wound fluid. Please contact your clinical caregiver as soon as possible and follow the advice given.

Do I need to use the therapy system during the night?

In general, it is desirable to maintain negative pressure through the night; you should confirm this with your clinical caregiver.

Ensure the therapy unit is fully primed prior to sleep.

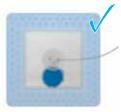
- Position the therapy unit so the tubing will not become kinked or pinched.
- Ensure the therapy unit will not be accidentally pulled off a table or bed.

How do I know when the dressing needs to be changed?

As fluid is absorbed into the white pad, the pad will start to take on the colour of the wound fluid. As illustrated in (picture 6), the dressing should be changed when the pad appears to be full.



Dressing Full: Change Dressing





(Picture 6)

Can I take a bath or shower with the dressing on and connected to the therapy unit?

Neither the dressing nor the therapy unit should be immersed in a bath, but you may take a shower. Before showering, disconnect the therapy unit and fix the tubing so the open end of the connector is face down. The dressing will remain in place, but it is best to avoid direct exposure to the water. After showering, reconnect the therapy unit, then pump the top of the unit until it stays down with no yellow indicator visible.





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How to dispose of the unit and dressings?

Where they exist, please follow any local or institutional protocols for disposal. In the absence of specific guidelines, the therapy unit and dressing may be disposed of in normal household waste. The dressing should be placed in a plastic bag before disposal.

How long will I be receiving Nanova™ Therapy?

Length of therapy can vary depending on the type of wound you have and the length of time your clinical caregiver believes it is needed to produce the desired results. Regardless of the total length of therapy, your dressing will need to be changed every 3 days. You should ask your clinical caregiver how your wound is progressing and how long therapy will be continued.

Can I move around?

The Nanova[™] Therapy System has been designed to minimise impact on normal daily activities, and it is desirable that you should move around within constraints, if any, advised by your clinical caregiver.

Before moving around, make certain the tubing between the dressing and therapy unit is secured so it cannot get snagged when moving around.



Allergic reaction?

If you experience one or more of the following symptoms: itching, reddening of the skin around the dressing, swelling around the dressing, please contact your clinical caregiver.

Customer Contact Information

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