



How do I know it is working properly?

The green “✓” indicator light will flash continually to indicate the pump is working properly.

What do the indicator lights mean?

The lights on the pump will indicate if there is an issue:



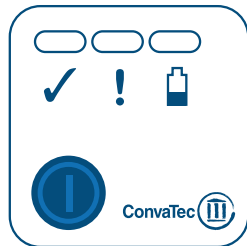
If the yellow “⚡” indicator light starts to flash the batteries must be replaced within 24 hours. Press the blue button for 3 seconds to switch off the pump and replace the batteries (see page 3). Press the blue button for 3 seconds to switch on and you will see the green “✓” indicator light start to flash to confirm NPWT has re-started.

If batteries are not changed within 24 hours the pump will automatically turn off, ceasing therapy, and the yellow “⚡” indicator light will flash when the blue button is pressed.



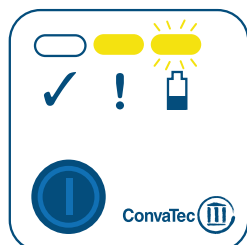
The yellow “!” indicator light starts to flash when there is an air leak from the dressing and the pump cannot apply NPWT. The pump will turn off after 30 seconds. Ensure the dressing is properly stuck down and smooth out any creases in the dressing border and fixation strips where there may be a leak. Also check the tubing connectors are tightly fastened together. Then press the blue button for 3 seconds to re-start NPWT and the green “✓” indicator light will start to flash. If the yellow “!” indicator light starts to flash again, repeat the process of smoothing out any creases and press the blue button. If you see the flashing yellow “!” indicator light again, you should contact your healthcare professional as your dressing may need changing.

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What if the pump stops working?

1. If none of the indicator lights are flashing then press the blue button for 3 seconds. If the pump does not restart, and none of the indicator lights flash, then try changing the batteries.



2. If the pump still does not re-start despite having pressed the blue button and changing the batteries, but the two yellow “!” and “⚡” indicator lights flash alternately, then the pump has exceeded its 30 days lifespan and a new pump is required. Contact your healthcare professional.

Contact your healthcare professional straight away in the following instances:

- If you experience irritation or increased pain.
- If wound fluid leaks from the dressing.
- If you see any signs of bleeding.
- If the skin around the wound becomes red, warm, or painful.
- If the dressing comes loose or falls off.

Please contact your healthcare professional with any other questions you may have.

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Negative pressure, positive power

Negative Pressure Wound Therapy System



Information for Patients

You have been given this leaflet because your wound is being managed with the Avelle™ Negative Pressure Wound Therapy System. **Please read the information carefully** and if you have any questions contact the healthcare professional looking after you.



Negative Pressure Wound Therapy System

What is the Avelle™ System?

The Avelle™ System includes a wound dressing connected to a small pump that delivers suction called Negative Pressure Wound Therapy (NPWT).



How does it work?

The dressing is applied to the wound and secured in place with fixation strips. It is then connected to the pump. When switched on, suction is applied to the dressing, air is sucked out of the dressing and wound fluid is absorbed into the dressing. This application of NPWT to your wound, combined with the removal of wound fluid and the bacteria it contains, are designed to help with the process of wound healing.

Why has it been applied to my wound?

Your healthcare professional has decided that you could benefit from the application of NPWT and that you are suitable for the Avelle™ System.

Will it hurt?

The first time the Avelle™ Pump is turned on you may feel a slight pulling or drawing sensation, however, if you are experiencing pain you should tell your healthcare professional.

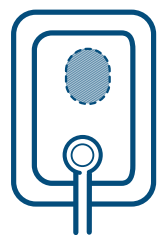
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How long will I need to wear it for?

This can vary from patient to patient. Your healthcare professional will discuss with you how long to continue with the therapy in your case. The same dressing can stay in place for up to 7 days, and the same pump used for up to 30 days.

Does the dressing need to be changed?

Yes. The frequency of dressing changes varies from patient to patient and very much depends upon the type of wound you have and how much fluid it is producing. In some cases a dressing can stay in place for up to 7 days, in other cases it must be changed sooner. Your healthcare professional will be able to tell when your wound requires a dressing change. You may feel some slight discomfort during dressing changes. If this is the case, let the person doing your dressing change know.



Dressing is properly positioned.



Dressing needs to be changed.

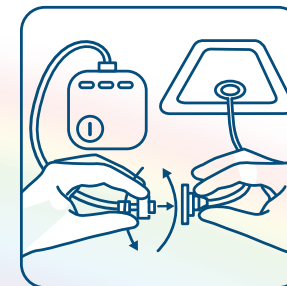


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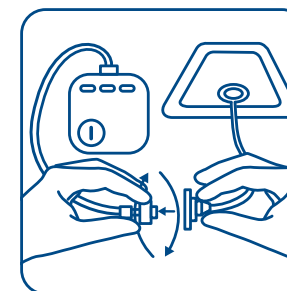
Should I disconnect the pump at night?

No. In order to ensure continual application of NPWT then the pump should remain connected to the dressing and turned on at all times (except when washing - see page 3). The system is quiet and should not disturb your sleep. You should place the pump in a safe and secure place whilst you sleep where it cannot fall to the floor.

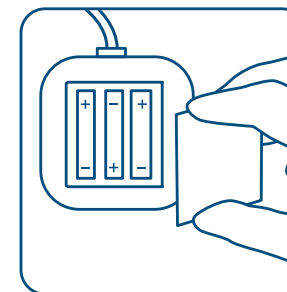
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Press the blue button to switch off and untwist the connectors to disconnect the dressing from the pump before showering.



Twist the connectors to reconnect the dressing to the pump and press the blue button to re-start after showering.



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Can I have a bath or shower?

A light shower is possible, but the dressing should not be directly sprayed or submerged in water. Before showering, the pump must be disconnected from the dressing. To do this, press the blue button for 3 seconds to switch off (the green “✓” indicator light will stop flashing and go out), then disconnect the pump (if directly connected to the dressing) or pump tubing from the dressing by untwisting the connectors. Place the pump in a safe, dry place whilst you wash. When you are ready to reconnect the pump to the dressing, twist together the connectors and press the blue button for 3 seconds to switch on. The green “✓” indicator light will start to flash again to indicate the pump is working properly.

Can I clean the pump?

Yes. To clean the pump, wipe with a soft cloth dampened with mild soapy water. If contaminated with bodily fluids, wipe with an isopropyl alcohol-based or water-based antimicrobial wash. Do not immerse in fluids.

How do I change the batteries?

If the yellow “⚡” indicator light starts to flash the batteries must be replaced within 24 hours. Press the blue button for 3 seconds to switch off the pump. Insert the batteries into the back of the pump by removing the battery compartment cover and insert 3x AAA batteries (Lithium batteries recommended) in the correct orientation as indicated in the compartment. All indicator lights will flash once simultaneously signifying the batteries have been inserted correctly. Secure the battery compartment cover.