Degradable components of the V.A.C.® Therapy System are intended to be used on closed surgical incisions, and are designed to manage the environment of surgical wounds. Care should be taken in the selection of closure techniques that take into account the goals of surgery, the characteristics of the surgical incision, and the patient's needs. Proper closure techniques may help to support wound healing and reduce the risk of complications from surgical incisions.

To use the V.A.C.® Therapy System effectively, please refer to the Instructions for Use that accompany the therapy unit and dressing cartons. This includes step-by-step guidance on proper technique and application.

V.A.C.® THERAPY SAFETY INFORMATION

INDICATIONS FOR USE

The V.A.C.® Therapy System is intended for use in the treatment of chronic wounds, grade III and IV pressure ulcers, and partial-thickness burns not involving the deep dermis. It is contraindicated for use on wounds that are highly exudative, infected, or involve exposed bone or tendons. The system is not intended for use in the treatment of acute wounds or acute injury, and should be discontinued if the wound does not respond to therapy.

For use with V.A.C.® GRANUFOAM SILVER™ Dressings:

- Fibrosis
- Vascular malformations
- Tumors
- Intra-abdominal or intrathoracic collections
- Decubitus ulcer over bony prominence
- Capillary leak syndrome
- Tissue necrosis
- Nodular disease
- Chronic stable wounds
- Infected wounds
- Necrotic tissue with eschar present

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- When using the V.A.C.® Therapy Unit, patients should be fully conscious and cooperative. The V.A.C.® Therapy Unit is contraindicated in patients who cannot understand and comply with the therapy instructions or who are unable to maintain a patent airway in the event of an emergency. The V.A.C.® Therapy Unit requires that the patient remain in a sitting or supine position, and may not be used on patients who are unable to maintain this position.

- Patients who have a history of allergic reaction or hypersensitivity to any component of the V.A.C.® Therapy System, including adhesive to the skin, dressing to the skin, or foam to the skin. If an allergic reaction or hypersensitivity occurs, the therapy should be discontinued and proper medical attention should be sought.

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Surgical Incisions

- The V.A.C.® Therapy System is intended for use on closed surgical incisions. It is designed to manage the environment of surgical wounds, supporting the closure of surgical incisions, and reducing the risk of complications from surgical incisions.

- When used on surgical incisions, it is important to follow all therapy unit and dressing instructions and safety information prior to each use. Failure to follow these instructions may increase the risk of infection, and other complications.

- Use of the V.A.C.® Therapy System on surgical incisions is intended to support the healing of surgical incisions while minimizing the risk of complications. However, the use of the system should be discontinued if the wound does not respond to therapy, or if the patient develops signs of infection, such as increased redness, swelling, or pain.

- The V.A.C.® Therapy System is contraindicated for use on surgical incisions that are highly exudative, infected, or involve exposed bone or tendons. The system is not intended for use in the treatment of acute wounds or acute injury, and should be discontinued if the wound does not respond to therapy.

- As with all surgical incisions, it is important to follow proper aseptic technique and infection control practices to minimize the risk of infection. The V.A.C.® Therapy System is designed to support the healing of surgical incisions, but it should not be used in place of properly performed surgical incisions.

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