



# Quick Reference Guide

For Patient Use



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## Questions and Information

**For medical questions, please consult your doctor or nurse. In case of medical emergency, immediately contact your local emergency services provider.**

This Quick Reference Guide is not intended to be a comprehensive manual. For additional information concerning the ActiV.A.C.® Therapy System, including detailed operating instructions, please consult the ActiV.A.C.® Therapy System User Manual and your doctor, nurse, caregiver or KCI.

## Customer Contact Information

For questions regarding this product, supplies, maintenance, or additional information about KCI products and services, please contact KCI or a KCI authorized representative, or:

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## Important Safety Information accompanies this device. Review with your doctor or nurse prior to use.

Indications, Contraindications, Warnings, Precautions and other important Safety Information are contained in the V.A.C.® Therapy Safety Information Sheet which, along with this QRG, should always be kept in the pocket inside the front flap of the carrying case.

If there are questions, or if this information is missing, immediately contact your local KCI representative.

## Patient Feature Identification



### Power Therapy Unit On or Off



Press and hold the **Power On/Off** button for approximately two seconds to turn the ActiV.A.C.® Therapy Unit on or off.

### Therapy On or Off



Start or stop V.A.C.® Therapy.



A lighted green crescent means V.A.C.® Therapy is on.

### Audio Pause

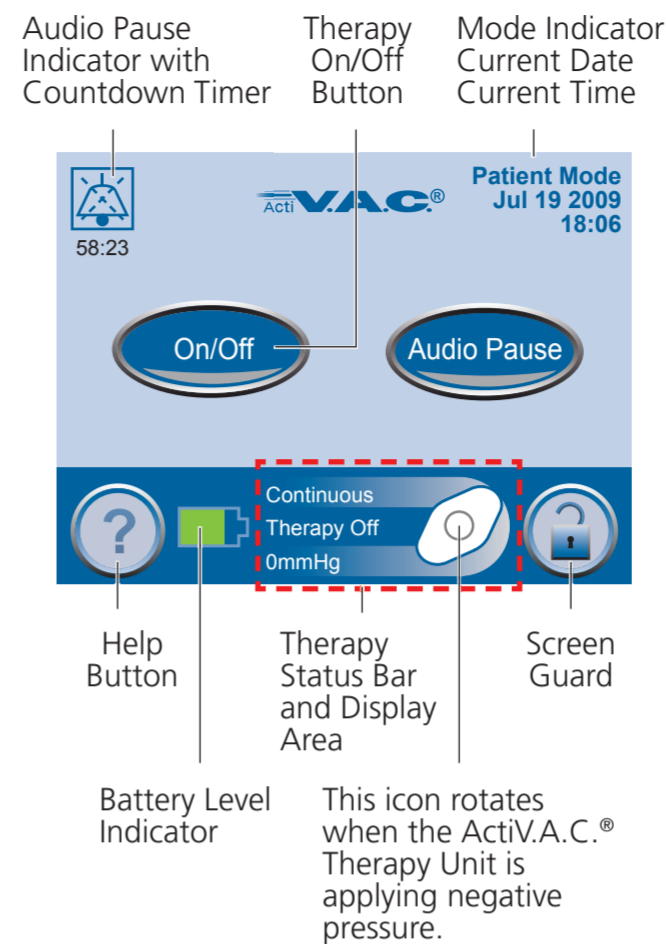


Press **Audio Pause** to silence (for 60 minutes) alerts that do not need immediate attention.



**Alarms needing immediate attention override the Audio Pause feature.**

## Patient Mode Home Screen



## Carrying Case Options

The ActiV.A.C.® carrying case has an integrated belt loop and a separate adjustable strap to allow for versatile carrying options.



**Keep the ActiV.A.C.® Therapy Unit in the upright position. The touch screen should be in a readable, right-side-up orientation or facing up when the therapy unit is laid on a level surface.**

## Alerts and Alarms

**See the Alerts and Alarms section of the ActiV.A.C.® Therapy System User Manual for more details. If necessary, contact your doctor or nurse or KCI for assistance or further information.**

**Alerts** Press **Help** for more information.

**Alerts** will be displayed on the touch screen when the ActiV.A.C.® Therapy Unit detects a condition that requires patient or caregiver attention. A single audible tone will sound.

- **Battery Low Alert:** About two hours of battery power remain. Recharge the battery.
- **Blockage Alert:** Check tubing for closed clamps, kinks, crimps and blockages. Lower therapy unit and tubing to or below the wound level.
- **Low Pressure Alert:** Check tubing for closed clamps, kinks, crimps and blockages. Lower therapy unit and tubing to or below the wound level.
- **Service Timer Expired Alert:** Contact KCI for instructions.

**Alarms** Press **Help** for more information.

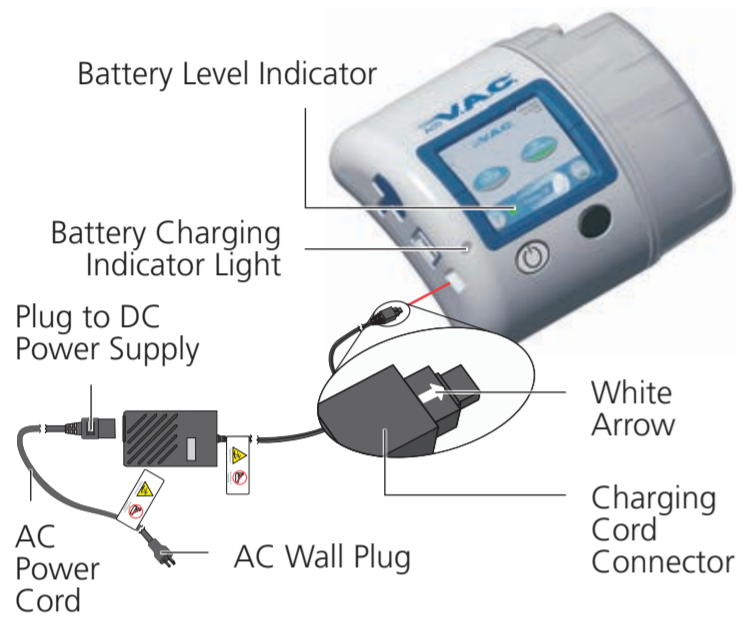
**Alarms** will be displayed on the touch screen when the ActiV.A.C.® Therapy Unit detects a condition that **requires immediate patient or caregiver attention**. Repeating audible tones will sound.


Press to silence the audible tone for two minutes.

- **Battery Critical Alarm:** About 30 minutes of battery power remain. **Immediately recharge the battery.**
- **Blockage Alarm Therapy Interrupted:** Check tubing for closed clamps, kinks, crimps and blockages. Lower therapy unit and tubing to or below the wound level.
- **Canister Full Alarm:** Change canister and restart therapy.
- **Canister Not Engaged Alarm:** Ensure canister is properly installed.
- **Leak Alarm:** Use leak detection procedures and the **Seal Check™** Leak Detector to help find and repair leak.
- **Leak Alarm Therapy Interrupted:** A leak has been detected and not resolved. Press **Reset** and restart therapy.
- **Low Pressure Alarm Therapy Interrupted:** Check tubing for closed clamps, kinks, crimps and blockages. Lower therapy unit and tubing to or below the wound level.
- **System Error Alarm:** A technical fault has occurred. Turn unit off and then back on. If the fault persists, contact KCI.
- **Therapy Inactive Alarm:** Therapy has been off for 15 minutes. Restart therapy.

## Battery Charging Instructions

1. Plug the AC power cord into the DC power supply.
2. Plug the AC wall plug into an AC wall outlet.
3. Locate the arrow on the charging cord connector.
4. Place therapy unit and charging cord so that touch screen (on therapy unit) and arrow (on charging cord connector) both face up.
5. Plug charging cord connector **securely** into therapy unit.








 The plug indicator appears on the touch screen while the unit is plugged into a wall outlet.

When the unit is correctly plugged into the power supply, the Battery Charging Indicator Light will glow amber as the battery charges. When the battery has reached full charge the light will glow green.

### Battery Charge Level Indicator

The battery charge level is shown on the bottom of the touch screen.

-  Fully Charged
-  In Use
-  Battery Low (charge battery soon)
-  Battery Critical (charge battery immediately)


 **It should take approximately six hours to fully charge the battery. To maximize battery life, keep the unit plugged in whenever possible.**

## Canister Parts


 **Canister latch guide on the therapy unit may have sharp edges. Do not handle the ActiV.A.C.® Therapy Unit by the canister latch guide.**

**When not in use, always store the ActiV.A.C.® Therapy Unit in the carrying case without a canister in place.**




 **Always apply canister straight on and straight off the therapy unit. Do not twist or turn canister when installing or removing.**

## Canister Changes

 **In the US, additional dressings and canisters may be ordered by calling KCI at 1-800-275-4524. Please allow at least 3-5 business days for delivery. Outside the US, please contact your local KCI representative.**

**The ActiV.A.C.® canister should be changed when full (the alarm will sound), or at least once a week to control odor.**

 1. Stop therapy by pressing **Therapy On/Off** on the touch screen. **Do not turn power off to the therapy unit.**

2. Slide both tubing clamps toward the tubing connector.

3. Close both clamps tightly. Several clicks should be heard.



4. Compress and then twist to separate tubing connectors.




5. Press the canister latch release.



6. Remove canister from therapy unit.



 **Dispose of the canister according to institution and/or local environmental regulations.**

7. Install the new canister onto the therapy unit. An audible click should be heard when the canister is properly installed.


8. Ensure the canister is securely installed on the therapy unit. If the canister is properly installed, it cannot be removed by gently pulling it directly away from the unit.

9. Compress and then twist to reconnect dressing tubing connectors.



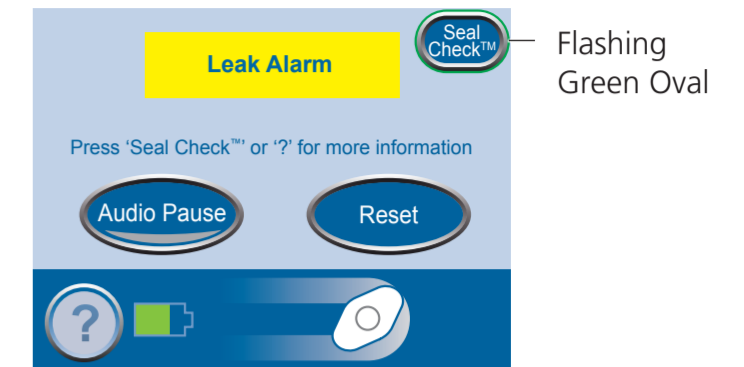
10. Open both tubing clamps.




 11. Press the **Therapy On/Off** button on the touch screen to restart therapy. Verify the dressing collapses.

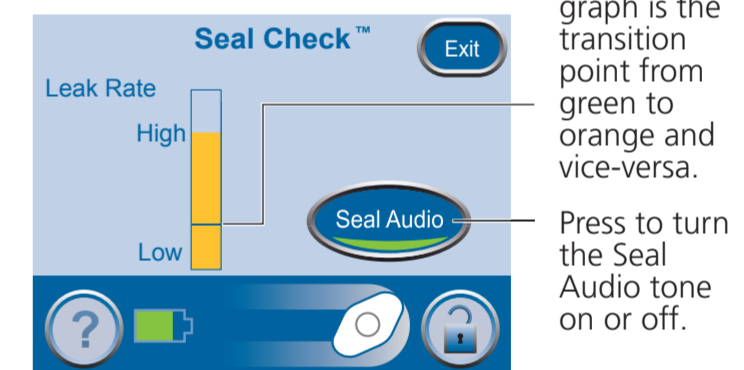
## Seal Check™ Leak Detector

When the ActiV.A.C.® Therapy Unit detects a significant leak, the **Leak Alarm** will activate. (See **Alerts and Alarms** section of the user manual for more details on this alarm.)




 Press this button to use the Seal Check™ Leak Detector to help find leaks.

The Seal Check™ feature uses an audible tone and bar graph to help find leaks. The frequency of the audible tone and the height of the bar graph will reflect the leak rate. The audible tone slows down and the bar graph decreases in height as the leak is found. Orange bar graph indicates a significant leak. Green bar graph indicates that the ActiV.A.C.® Therapy System is operating normally.



Line on bar graph is the transition point from green to orange and vice-versa.

Press to turn the Seal Audio tone on or off.

 **Most leaks occur:**

- where the drape meets the skin.
- where the SensaT.R.A.C.® Pad is attached to the drape.
- at tubing connections.
- when the canister is not securely connected to the therapy unit.

1. Ensure connector between dressing tubing and canister tubing is properly locked.

2. Ensure the canister is securely installed onto the therapy unit.

3. While therapy is on and using light pressure, move your hand and fingers slowly around the edges of the drape and SensaT.R.A.C.® Pad. The bar graph will lower and the frequency of the audible tone (if Seal Audio is on) will decrease when the leak is found.

4. Refer to the **Application Instructions** provided with V.A.C.® Dressings for information on using excess V.A.C.® Drape material to seal the leak area.

5. If necessary, contact your doctor or nurse or KCI for assistance or further information.