



PREVENA™ NEGATIVE PRESSURE THERAPY

Negative pressure therapy functions like a vacuum system. Connected to an electronic unit, the Prevena™ bandage exercises continuous suction on the wound; a canister inserted in the electronic unit collects the wound fluids.

DRESSING

The Prevena™ dressing covering your surgical wound is made of foam and a transparent film. It has important functions:

- It holds incision edges together;
- It exerts negative pressure to protect your wound;
- It acts as a barrier to external micro-organisms;
- It keeps a dry, controlled environment to foster healing;
- It allows you to move by being flexible.

The dressing must always remain dry (the foam will be contracted/compact).



Dressings and Prevena™ electronic units

ELECTRONIC UNIT

The dressing is connected to an automated electronic unit. You must wear the dressing AND the electronic unit 24/7. A small carrying bag helps you to carry the unit with you.

The unit comes with a battery: Ask your nurse whether you need to connect the unit to charge it.



Another electronic unit model

AT HOME

An information sheet is sent to notify your CLSC that you have a Prevena™ dressing.

The dressing must remain in place for 7 days. NEVER remove the dressing yourself. The CLSC nurse will remove your dressing.

It will not be necessary to change the dressing.

Baths and showers are forbidden.

If the unit alarm gins

The alarm is triggered for three reasons:

- air is leaking;
- the canister is full and needs to be changed;
- the battery is low (connect the electronic unit).

If the alarm continues to beep after the battery is loaded, speak to your CLSC nurse or dial 811 (Info-Santé).

Call your surgeon or go to the emergency room:

- if you have a fever (above 38.5 °C);
- if you have acute pain at the wound site;
- if heavy blood flows into the canister;
- if there is any redness, warmth or induration (hardening) on the wound;
- if there is a foul-smelling discharge.

Do you have any questions or concerns? Dial 811 (24/7/365) or call your CLSC nurse.

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