



# Negative Pressure Wound Therapy Documentation Requirements

## Documentation Needed for NPWT Orders

- A detailed written order/prescription signed and dated by the treating authorized prescriber. Negative Pressure Wound Therapy (NPWT) requires a WOPD for new orders dated prior to May 25, 2017. New orders dated on or after May 25, 2017 do not require a WOPD
- Copy of patient demographics (if applicable) (e.g., face sheet)
- Patient insurance information (if not available on face sheet)
- Copy of discharge summary (if applicable)
- Copy of history and physical (H and P)
- Documentation of wound measurements (Length x Width x Depth), including unit of measure
- Amount of exudate (if available/can assist with qualifying)
- Documentation of patient's nutritional status
- Documentation to support debridement of necrotic tissue, if present
- Prior therapies tried and/or considered and ruled out before ordering NPWT

## Required for Traumatic or Surgical Wounds

- Date of surgery or other (Please describe in chart notes)
- Copy of pre-operative report
- Copy of post-operative report
- Additional supporting documentation required for complications of surgically-created wounds (e.g., dehiscence, flaps or grafts)

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## Required for Chronic Pressure Ulcer: Stage III or Stage IV

- Turning and positioning regimen employed and documented
- Moisture and incontinence management documentation history (e.g., Foley catheter, bowel and bladder program)
- If wound is located on trunk or pelvis, documentation showing a low air loss or alternating air mattress (MUST be group 2 or group 3 support surface for Medicare) was tried prior to NPWT
- Duration of pressure ulcer (Include number of days in chart notes)

## Required for Diabetic/Neuropathic Ulcers

- Documentation showing that pressure has been off-loaded from the wound area (e.g., foot ulcers)
- Documentation of comprehensive diabetic management program (e.g., endocrinologist notes, diet, education provided, glucose readings, labs, etc.)

## Required for Venous Stasis Ulcers

- Documentation showing that compression bandages and/or garments have been consistently applied
- Documentation that elevation/ambulation encouraged

**Please note: This list represents a condensed listing of common documentation requirements that are needed in order to process NPWT orders for patients with Medicare and other payors. Documentation requirements vary by payor and additional documentation may be requested based on individual payor guidelines.**