

## The 3M™ Snap™ Therapy System



### Introducing the 3M™ Snap™ Therapy System

The 3M™ Snap™ Therapy System is a wearable disposable negative pressure wound therapy (dNPWT) device that combines the simplicity of advanced wound dressings with the proven efficacy of NPWT in a discreet design that helps preserve patient quality of life (Armstrong et al, 2012).

The Snap Therapy System is mechanically powered and portable for patient mobility; discreet and can be worn under clothing; of a silent design that helps to minimise sleep interruptions and clinically proven to deliver -125mmHg continuous negative pressure.

### What wounds is it suitable for?

The Snap Therapy System is indicated for patients who would benefit from wound management via the application of negative pressure, particularly as the device may promote wound healing through the removal of excess exudate, infectious material and tissue debris.

The Snap Therapy System is indicated for the removal of small amounts of exudate from chronic, acute, traumatic, sub-acute and dehisced wounds, ulcers (such as diabetic, venous or pressure) and flaps and grafts.

### What are the contraindications?

The Snap Therapy System should not be applied over:

- Inadequately drained wounds
- Necrotic tissue, such as eschar or adherent slough
- Exposed blood vessels, anastomotic sites, organs, tendons or nerves
- Wounds containing malignancy
- Fistulas
- Untreated osteomyelitis
- Actively bleeding wounds.

The 3M™ Snap™ Therapy Cartridge and fitting are not indicated for use in a hyperbaric oxygen therapy environment. It is important to read and follow all instructions and safety information prior to use for any NPWT device.

### How can I use it in practice?

Prepare the wound bed and periwound skin per institutional protocol. If necessary, apply a skin protectant to the surrounding skin and allow to dry.

**Step 1:** Cut the foam interface to fit the size and shape of the wound. Remove backing and carefully place the 3M™ Snap™ Advanced Dressing over the wound and seal.

**Step 2:** After considering the desired location of the Snap Cartridge, cut the dressing tubing to the desired length, if required. Fully insert the Tube Fitting into the tubing.

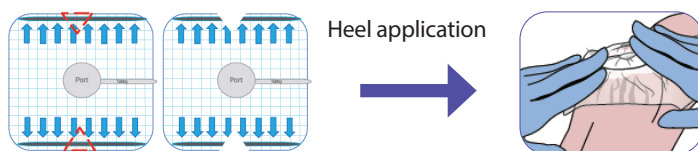
**Step 3:** Connect the Snap Cartridge to the Tube Fitting using both hands. Activate the Snap Cartridge by pushing down the Activation/Reset Key to release and remove the key from the Snap Cartridge. The Snap Cartridge may need to be primed multiple times depending on the size of the dressing.

**Step 4:** Check negative pressure operation. The Snap Therapy System is working properly if:

- Green capacity indicator is both visible and stationary in the chamber window
- Dressing has a “sucked down” appearance
- Dressing feels hard to the touch.

### Dressing application

#### 3M™ Snap™ Advanced Dressing application on a heel



#### Benefits of use in practice

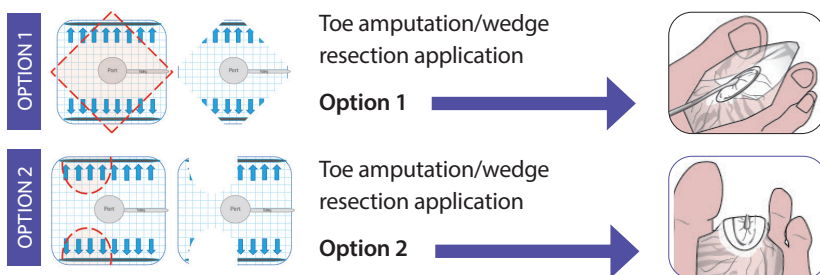
- Available off-the-shelf
- Customisable to help address difficult anatomical areas
- Available in various dressing options and negative pressure settings
- Can be applied in under 10 minutes (Armstrong et al, 2012)
- Facilitates positive clinical outcomes (Armstrong et al, 2012; Marston et al, 2015).

#### Potential patient benefits

- Quick and easy application
- Small and silent
- Discreet and comfortable
- Ultraportable
- Helps preserve patient quality of life (Armstrong et al, 2012).







### 3M™ Snap™ Advanced Dressing application on a toe amputation/wedge resection



### Frequency of change

Initiate the Snap Therapy System with a minimum of two dressing changes per week, or as exudate levels dictate. The dressing regimen should be reviewed on a weekly basis.

#### Product in summary

-  The Snap Therapy System combines the simplicity of advanced wound dressings with the benefits of NPWT in a discreet design.
-  The Snap Therapy System is appropriate for use on a variety of wounds (chronic, acute, traumatic, sub-acute and dehisced wounds, ulcers, surgically closed incisions, flaps and grafts).
-  It is recommended that Snap Therapy System Dressings are changed at least twice a week, although this depends on the judgement of the clinician.
-  To learn more about the benefits of the Snap Therapy System, visit; [www.3m.co.uk/3M/en\\_GB/Medical-GB/healthcare-professionals/comprehensive-wound-care](http://www.3m.co.uk/3M/en_GB/Medical-GB/healthcare-professionals/comprehensive-wound-care).

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#### Further information

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