(A) Policy Statement
Outcome Management staff will facilitate arrangements for Home Wound V.A.C. therapy for acute care inpatients.

(B) Purpose of Policy
Obtain a home Wound V.A.C. therapy system in sufficient time for efficient discharge planning.

(C) Procedure

1. Notice of hospitalized patients need for home wound V.A.C. can occur by:
   - M.D.’s written order
   - KCI prescription form completion
   - Outcome Management screening process
   - Floor staff notification to Outcome Management staff

2. Completion of the paperwork necessary for a Home Wound V.A.C. is a shared responsibility of the Physician, Outcome Management, and Nursing staff. The Outcome Management staff will facilitate the form’s completion; The Outcome Management staff will complete the majority of the needed information. The form will be placed in the patient’s medical record for physician signature and request the physician to complete any information not available in the medical record.

3. Patient information and request for verification of insurance coverage will be sent to KCI as soon as the need is identified. The Outcome Management staff is responsible to track the pending order and monitor progress. Progress, barriers or delays must clearly be documented in the patient’s medical record. For example, wound V.A.C. approval from insurances can take 2-3 days after completed paperwork has been submitted.

4. Discharge home with home wound V.A.C. therapy
   - The physician’s discharge order should include an alternative wound care regimen for the interim between discharge and the wound V.A.C. set up at the patient’s home if needed
   - If the home wound V.A.C. is delivered to the hospital prior to discharge, the V.A.C. change over can occur prior to the patient leaving the hospital.
   - The KCI representative, Outcome Management, and home health care provider will coordinate the home health care nursing start up visit.
5. The Outcome Management will document all pertinent information in the patient’s medical record and document discharge services on the Discharge Instruction form.