Name of Policy:	Home Wound Negative Pressure Therapy	THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO			
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## (A) Policy Statement

Outcome Management staff will facilitate arrangements for Home Wound /Negative Pressure therapy for the patient population.

## (B) Purpose of Policy

Obtain a home Wound (negative pressure) therapy system in sufficient time for efficient discharge planning.

## (C) Procedure

- 1. Notice of hospitalized patients need for home wound negative pressure therapy can occur by:
  - Physician written order
  - Prescription form completion
  - Outcome Management screening process
  - Floor staff notification to Outcome Management staff
- 2. The Outcome Management staff will facilitate the completion of the paperwork necessary for a home wound negative pressure therapy system. 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 wound management company 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.
- 4. Authorization/approval from insurances can take 2- 3 days after completed paperwork has been submitted.
- 5. Discharge home with home wound negative pressure therapy
  - The physician's discharge order should include an alternative wound care regimen for the interim between discharge and the wound negative pressure therapy set up at the patient's home if needed
  - If the home wound negative pressure therapy is delivered to the hospital prior to discharge, the negative pressure therapy change can occur prior to the patient leaving the hospital.
  - The negative pressure therapy/equipment representative, Outcome Management, and home health care provider will coordinate the home health care nursing start up visit.

6. Outcome Management staff will document a final entry in the patient's medical record addressing all pertinent information. Documented information will include: negative pressure therapy equipment company, place of delivery, home care company managing the equipment, discharge disposition and patient/family notification. Referral information will also be documented in the Outcome Management Referrals section on the Discharge Instructions.

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