

## Common Questions for Nisus Negative Pressure Wound Therapy

### How long is the battery life?

Depending on wound size and drainage amount, the battery will last up to 24hrs. (Can extend to 48hrs with sleep mode.)

### How do I know the pump is charging?

A blue light will illuminate on the keypad above the power button and a lightning bolt will display next to the battery indicator light.

### Why is the blue light on but the lightning bolt is not displayed next to the battery indicator while charging?

Once the battery has achieved a 100 percent charge, the lightning bolt will disappear, representing that the battery is fully charged. The blue light will stay illuminated, indicating that the pump is still connected to AC power.

### How often should I charge the pump?

The pump will alarm for low battery and you can charge when alerted. Most patients will charge the pump while they are resting and/or at night.

### How many hours a day do I wear the NPWT system?

The NPWT device stays on 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, unless advised otherwise by a physician.

### How often is my dressing changed?

It can vary, but generally it is changed 2-3 times a week.

### I was having a moderate amount of drainage and now I have very little or none - why is this?

The longer that NPWT is applied, the less and less drainage you will have; it is not uncommon to have no drainage.

### Is there a time when the dressing should be removed?

If the pump is off more than 2 hours, the dressing should be removed and a moist dressing placed.

### Is it normal for the Nisus pump to turn on and off?

Yes, when the pressure drops at the wound base, the pump turns on to maintain set pressure.

### How often will the Nisus pump turn on and off (Cycle)?

The Nisus pump might turn on every few seconds or every few minutes, depending on how well the wound is sealed and amount of drainage the wound yields.

### How often do I empty the canisters?

The canisters are disposable and are changed once a week or when full. Canisters should never be reused.

### Where do I dispose of the used canisters?

Most states allow canisters to be disposed of in regular trash.

### The pump is alarming "leak", what does this mean?

This means that the dressing is not intact and is coming off.



**How do I fix a “leak” alarm?**

Walk finger around the outside of your wound, pushing down on the drape. If this rectifies alarm, no further action is needed. If leak alarm is still present, listen for a hiss sound around the dressing. Once identified, place new drape over the area.

**The pump is alarming “blockage”, what does this mean?**

This means the pump has detected a restriction of flow.

**How do I fix a blockage alarm?**

Ensure the tubing is not clamped and/or kinked. If this does not rectify the alarm, please contact your medical provider.

**Do I have to remove the Nisus pump from the bag to change the canister?**

Yes, you must remove the Nisus pump from the bag to change the canister. Once the canister is replaced, place the Nisus pump back into the carrying bag.

**Can I shower with my dressing on?**

If it is cleared through your medical provider, you may shower with the NPWT dressing in place. You must clamp off both clamps and disconnect the tubing at the connector. Do not shower with the pump on.

**Can I take a bath with my dressing on?**

No, if the dressing is emerged in water, it will not stay intact.

**Who can I call for any questions or concerns?**

Please contact your medical provider.