

## Kinetic launches portable negative pressure therapy

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**Singapore:** US-based Kinetic Concepts (KCI) has launched ActiVAC Therapy System for in-patient use in Japan, which is a lightweight, portable negative pressure therapy system that makes using the therapy simple for both patients and physicians while delivering improved clinical outcomes. The newly approved system provides proven clinical outcomes based on TRAC, a technology that monitors and maintains prescribed pressure at the wound site. TRAC ensures optimal perfusion and oxygen is delivered to the wound site and helps ensure patient safety.

"As the negative pressure wound therapy pioneer in Japan and the rest of the world, we are committed to providing innovative healing technologies to the Japanese medical community," said Mr Joe Woody, president & CEO, KCI. "We also deliver gold standard service and the clinical evidence and support physicians need to improve patient lives."

Dr Masato Kurokawa, director, plastic surgery, Takarazuka City Hospital, Hyogo, Japan, said that, "The ActiVAC Therapy System is now available to patients in Japan. It provides the same TRAC Technology as the VAC ATS Therapy System, but is more sophisticated, technically improved and most importantly portable. Based on substantial clinical evidence from around the world, I am confident that the ActiVAC System will provide outstanding healing results."

Mr Mike Mathews, SVP, International, KCI, said that, "KCI understands that innovation alone is not enough to change clinical practice and patient outcomes, which is why we provide extensive clinical training and support services. Based on our extensive experience of the ActiV.A.C. Therapy System, we believe that this product is the best choice in NPWT in Japan, ensuring optimal patient safety while delivering proven clinical outcomes."

KCI KK introduced the first negative pressure technology product, the VAC ATS Therapy System, to Japan in April 2010. Prior to the launch of VAC Therapy in Japan, patients with serious wounds faced extensive recovery times and painful wound redressing. Typical patients eligible for VAC Therapy in Japan include those with dehisced and hard-to-heal open wounds, as well as wounds following trauma, surgery, and amputation.