



# NPWT EXPERTS

## FACT SHEET

- The International NPWT Expert Panel is a group of clinical specialists on Negative Pressure Wound Therapy (NPWT). Comprised of 22 leading, independent experts from around the globe, the panel was formed in July 2009 to develop evidence based consensus on the use of NPWT.
- The panel is chaired by Norbert Runkel, Professor of Surgery and Chairman of the Department of General Surgery at Schwarzwald-Baar Klinikum in Villingen-Schwenningen, Germany.
- The panel is drafting recommendations on best practices in NPWT that will be reflective of published clinical evidence.
- In addition to drawing from the published evidence, the panel will seek clinical consensus with input from wound care specialists.
- The consensus-building process begins with a symposium in Hamburg, Germany February 5-6, 2010 involving more than 500 surgeons and wound care specialists from 22 countries.
- From the symposium in Hamburg, the panel will develop a consensus document and invite clinicians everywhere to review and comment on at [www.npwtexperts.com](http://www.npwtexperts.com). From this feedback, the panel will publish a comprehensive consensus document by early 2011.
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