

**APPENDIX D: FIELD-EXPEDIENT WOUND VACUUM-ASSISTED CLOSURE**

1. Copious irrigation with debridement of necrotic tissue and removal of foreign debris.
2. Placement of gauze or reticulated sponge at base of wound.



3. Placement of suction tubing (e.g., Blake, Jackson-Pratt, nasogastric, red rubber with holes) that can be attached to a suction source.
4. Placement of additional layer of reticulated sponge or gauze over suction tubing to separate suction from occlusive layer.



5. Placement of occlusive impermeable dressing, such as Ioban or Tegaderm, over the gauze/sponge and suction tubing
6. Connect to suction source.