

Part B Insider (Multispecialty) Coding Alert

In other news ...

- If you're using negative pressure wound therapy (NPWT) devices (i.e., wound vacs), you'd better heed a new warning from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

"FDA has received reports of six deaths and 77 injuries associated with NPWT systems over the past two years," the agency warns in a Nov. 13 health notice. Wound vacs can increase the risk of infection and bleeding, the FDA says.

Most of the deaths and serious injuries related to NPWT systems occurred in the home or in nursing homes, the FDA says. A list of safety reminders is in the warning at

www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/Safety/AlertsandNotices/PublicHealthNotifications.