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Abstract: A wound dressing member (19) is provided for use in a vacuum bandage (10) connected to a vacuum source (14) and for use with a wound (12) having a wound surface (13). The member (19) may include a top surface (36) and a bottom surface (24) adapted to be in contact with and generally conform to the wound surface (13). The member (19) may further include a plurality of discrete holes (46) formed in the bottom surface (24) and at least one discrete opening (64) formed in the top surface (36). A port (40) of the member (19) may be provided to communicate with the vacuum source (14), each discrete hole (46), and the at least one discrete opening (64).
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