WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A wound dressing for use in a negative pressure wound therapy system, the wound dressing comprising:

an adhesive layer for adhering the wound dressing adjacent to a wound;

a wound contact layer for contacting the wound;

a backing layer comprising a port;

a tube having a first end connected with the port and an opposite second end;

a first fitting connected to the second end of the tube, the first fitting configured for connection with a second fitting of the negative pressure wound therapy system to apply a negative pressure via the port; and

a filter disposed within the first fitting, wherein the filter is formed of a hydrophilic material and has an average pore size of at least 2 microns,

wherein the wound dressing is sterilized.

2. The wound dressing of claim 1, wherein the average pore size is about 3 microns.

3. The wound dressing of any preceding claim, wherein the hydrophilic material comprises polyethersulfone (PESU).

4. The wound dressing of any preceding claim, wherein the wound dressing is sterilized by ethylene oxide (EO) sterilization.

5. The wound dressing of any preceding claim, further comprising a check valve seated in the first fitting.

6. The wound dressing of any preceding claim, further comprising a pressure dispersion layer,

wherein the backing layer is adjacent to and in contact with the adhesive layer and the pressure dispersion layer.

7. The wound dressing of claim 6, further comprising:

a plurality of layers of absorbent material disposed between the wound contact layer and the pressure dispersion layer, wherein the plurality of layers of absorbent material includes a first absorbent material layer facing the wound contact layer and a second absorbent material layer facing the pressure dispersion layer.

8. The wound dressing of claim 7, further comprising an absorbent indicator aligned with the port, the absorbent indicator configured to absorb exudate to indicate the presence of exudate in the second absorbent material layer.

9. A system comprising the apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

the mating fitting, wherein the fitting is engaged with the mating fitting;

a second tube connected with the mating fitting; and

a pump connected with the second tube such that the pump is operable to supply the wound dressing with a negative pressure.