

Preparing to dress a wound

It is important to prevent and recognise infection

You will need:

- Dressing pack –which will include Gauze, gloves, tray, apron and waste bag.
- wound dressings
- scissors cleaned prior to use for individual patient use only, these can be washed using hot soapy water
- tap water is used to clean surrounding skin

Procedure:

- Follow the ANTT guide (on the back of this leaflet). Please use the gauze to cleanse the wound bed.
- For any new wound or skin tear please use the Activheal Silicone Contact Layer and Allevyn Gentle provided.
- If this dressing is not containing the wound fluid, then use a ActivHeal Silicone Contact, Zetivit Plus pad and blue or yellow line (dependent of the limb size)
- If it is a skin tear please draw an arrow on the dressing to indicate the direct to remove the dressing to avoid further trauma to the wound.
- You **MUST** follow your Consent and Best Interest Policies relating to the use of photos

Please monitor for signs of infection and wound deterioration!

Observe for:

- Redness to skin surrounding wound.
- Skin surrounding wound is warmer than normal.
- Wound has become painful.
- Swelling and hardening.
- Increased wetness from wound.
- Offensive smell.
- Yellow or green pus.
- The wound deteriorates (gets larger or deeper).
- Other signs of infection temp, sleepy or new confusion (particularly in diabetic or immune suppressed).

If the infection spreads further, the redness will keep spreading to more areas of skin.

If you are concerned escalate to a HCP.