

Wound Care Alliance Tier 1 Outline and Learning Outcomes

Patients requiring the removal of clips (ROC) or sutures (ROS), or with wounds less than 14 days with positive healing (100% granulation tissue).

The initial holistic wound assessment and care plan IS to be undertaken and developed by a:

- Registered General Nurse (RGN)
- Registered Nursing Associate (RNA)

The dressing interventions and ongoing assessment can be carried out by a:

- Registered General Nurse (RGN)
- Registered Nursing Associate (RNA)
- Healthcare Assistant (HCA)
- Trainee Nursing Associate (TNA)

If any concerns arise this must be escalated to the Registered General Nurse (RGN)

Tier 1	RGN/ RNA	HCA/ TNA
Module 1 Aseptic Technique (ANTT) with removal of sutures/clips		
Completion of Aseptic Technique Package including incorporating the removal of sutures/clips	N/A	Yes
Module 2 TIMES assessment and documentation		
Understanding of the anatomy and physiology of the Skin	Yes	Yes
Wound Bed Preparation and TIMES	Yes	Yes
Wound healing recognising primary v secondary intention	Yes	Yes
Wound assessment with the ability to recognise wounds types acute v chronic	Yes	Yes
Accountability and record keeping using a structured and standard approach (TIMES)	Yes	Yes
Ability to report escalate concerns and onward referrals to incorporate tiered structure	Yes	Yes
Module 3 Wound healing		
Understanding of skin integrity and identification of risk factors	Yes	Yes
Recognition of the sign of skin damage i.e. redness, shear and friction and signs of wound infection	Yes	Yes
Understanding of wound healing process and identification of the barriers to wound healing process	Yes	Yes
Ability to follow treatment plan and determined by Registered Nurse/ANP/Associate	N/A	Yes
Ability to access first line dressing choices in line with local pathways	Yes	Yes
Ability to distinguish wound products in accordance as per Wound Formulary	Yes	Yes
Carries out dressing interventions within scope of practice	Yes	Yes
Carries out basic microbiological sampling	Yes	Yes
Describe the key components of nutrition and its influence on wound healing	Yes	Yes
Encourages patient/carer compliance with recommended treatment regimes	Yes	Yes
Ability to identify delayed wound healing and the associated risk factors	Yes	Yes
Psychosocial impact of wound care and its impact on QoL	Yes	Yes
Module 4 Wound Cleansing		
Wound cleansing incorporating the Wound Cleansing Pathway	Yes	Yes
Module 5 Skin Tears		
Ability to define and classify skin tears in accordance with ISTAP	Yes	Yes
Outline of epidemiology and its impact of skin tears on health care	Yes	Yes
Identify risk factors associated with skin tears	Yes	Yes
Identify skin tear prevention strategies and health promotion	Yes	Yes
Ability to actively manage Type 1 skin tears	Yes	Yes
Determine local dressing choices for skin tears in line with local pathways	Yes	Yes
Determine local pathways for lower leg and upper body skin tears	Yes	Yes
Measurement and application of hosiery liners for lower leg skin tears in line with local pathways	Yes	Yes

Module 6 Bandaging		
Ability to define clinical purpose of bandage including tubular bandages	Yes	Yes
Determine differing bandaging widths as per clinical application	Yes	Yes
Differentiate differences between bandage classifications	Yes	Yes
Ability to demonstrate simple bandaging techniques in a range of clinical scenarios	Yes	Yes
Module 7 Pressure Ulcers and Moisture Associated Skin Damage		
Ability to undertake pressure ulcer skin and risk assessment	Yes	Yes
Categorise pressure ulcers using EPUAP	Yes	Yes
Identification of PU risk factors to include MDRPU	Yes	Yes
Understand differences between causal factors of pressure ulcers	Yes	Yes
Differentiate between category 1 pressure ulcers and IAD.MASD	Yes	Yes
Ability to assess patients with regards to pressure relief/distribution	Yes	Yes
Determine difference between IAD and MASD	Yes	Yes
Identification of risk factors associated with IAD and MASD	Yes	Yes
Classification of IAD and MASD	Yes	Yes
The use of barrier protection in line with Skin Care Regimes for IAD.MASD	Yes	Yes
Module 8 Minor Burns and Scalds		
Ability to determine components of the National Burn Care Network (NBCN) Flowchart	Yes	Yes
Ability to assess burn/scald using the NBCN Flowchart	Yes	Yes
Identify the clinical differences between Non- complex/Complex/Complex non - burns	Yes	Yes
Identification of the criteria for onward referrals including the criteria for the local burn service	Yes	Yes
Ability to follow the NBCN Non-complex Burn Management Protocol	Yes	Yes
Awareness of Burn Blister Management Protocol	Yes	Yes
Ability to carry out burn blister debridement for non - complex burns	Yes	Yes
Ability to advise on the skin care regime after a burn	Yes	Yes