



Infection Prevention Toolkit



Supporting Information for Completion of Wound Care Audit Tools

Principles of Asepsis

- Principles of asepsis must be adhered to throughout the procedure to ensure micro-organisms are not introduced into a vulnerable site.
- A non-touch technique is used to achieve this principal, and only sterile items are allowed to touch the susceptible site.
- A sterile field is maintained.
- Equipment is prepared correctly.
- The dressing is removed safely and correctly.
- Sterile gloves are worn and applied touching only the wrist end.
- Equipment is disposed of correctly.

Wound Assessment

- Wound is assessed as per local policy at every dressing change.

Wound Swabs

- Only take swabs when there are signs and symptoms of infection or when non healing persists.
- Swabs should be taken from base or margin of the wound following removal of slough if present.

Dressing

- Wound is dressed creating an optimum wound healing environment according to the local wound management formulary.

Antibiotics

- Referral to GP or for review and if necessary systemic antibiotics as per formulary for non-healing or wounds with signs and symptoms of infection.

Documentation

- Dressing types, frequency, wound assessment and next wound review data are documented.

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Infection Prevention Audit Tool - Wound care

(Aim to reduce the incidence of wound infections)

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Care Home Name: _____

Name and Designation of person completing audit (PRINT): _____

Date Audit Completed: _____

Elements Staff Name/ Initials	Principles of Asepsis		Wound Assessment		Wound Swabs are appropriate		Dressing is appropriate		Referral for antibiotics/ review		Documentation		All Elements Performed		Standard precautions tool completed	
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