

Conservative Sharp Wound Debridement (CSWD): in Adults & Children

Site Applicability

All VCH and PHC sites

Practice Level

Profession	Advanced Competency (requiring additional education)
RN	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Must successfully complete additional education in CSWD and follow an established guideline when carrying out a CSWD procedure.

Policy Statements

VCH and PHC nurses will follow the Decision Support Tool (DST) developed by the Provincial Nursing Skin and Wound Committee (see guideline link below) when performing CSWD with the following revisions:

- The acronym CRNBC is to be replaced with the BCCNP (British Columbia College of Nursing Professionals).
- Only two signs and symptoms of wound infection are required (see *Wound Care Management Section 1.b*).
- In the procedure steps, where it refers to 'body temperature normal saline' this refers to room temperature, do not heat normal saline prior to use.

Need to Know

Clients undergoing conservative sharp wound debridement require an interprofessional approach to provide comprehensive, evidence-based assessment and treatment. This decision support tool focuses solely on the role of the Registered Nurse, as one member of the interprofessional team providing care to these clients.

The Provincial Nursing Skin and Wound Committee (PNSWC) developed this DST to provide a standardized guideline for CSWD for all patients, clients and residents across the province.

Guideline

The Provincial DST Guideline provides detailed guidance on:

- Indications and precautions for CSWD.
- Assessment and determination of need for CSWD.
- Procedure for CSWD:

[Guideline / Procedure: Conservative Sharp Wound Debridement \(CSWD\) in Adults & Children](#)

Documentation

As per VCH documentation guidelines.

Related Documents

See Provincial Guideline

References

See Provincial Guideline

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	<p>Wound Committees from NHA, IHA, FHA, VIHA, PHSA & VCH/PHC</p> <p>VCH/PHC representatives on the Provincial Nursing Skin & Wound Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSWOC CWOCN, LGH Wound Clinician • Richmond Home Care NSWOC CWOCN • Evergreen Community Health Unit NSWOC • Clinical Nurse Specialist, Wound Ostomy, Continence, PHC • Clinical Nurse Specialist, Wound, Ostomy, Continence, VCH <p>NSWOC = Nurse Specializing in Wound Ostomy Continence</p>