

Wound Management for Adults and Children

Site Applicability

All VCH and PHC sites

Practice Level

Basic skills for the following professions (within their respective scope of practice):

- NP, RN, RPN, LPN

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 providing wound care.

Need to Know

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

Guideline

The Provincial DST Guideline: Wound Management provides detailed guidance on:

- assessment of the patient/client/resident and their wounds
- how to determine the goal of care for healable, non-healing and non-healable wounds
- on the ten wound management interventions, e.g. wound cleansing; methods of debridement; signs & symptoms of infection; wound packing and care for a closed wound

The Guideline Summary is a one-page overview of the principles of wound management.

Guideline Summary: [Wound Management for Adults & Children](#)

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Documentation

As per VCH and PHC documentation guidelines.

Related Documents

See Guideline

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References

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