

Myiasis: Removal of Non-Therapeutic Maggots

Site Applicability

All VCH and PHC sites

Practice Level

Basic Skills: NP, RN, LPN, RPN

Policy Statements

VCH and PHC nurses will follow this procedure developed by the Provincial Nursing Skin and Wound Committee when removing non-therapeutic maggots ([see procedure link below](#)).

Agency/health organization decision support tool (DST) must be in place to support this practice.

The procedure to remove non-therapeutic maggots can be initiated by the nurse without an order but requires notification of the Physician/NP/Nurse Specialized in Wound Ostomy Continence (NSWOC)/Wound Clinician.

Need to Know

The Provincial Nursing Skin and Wound Committee (PNSWC) developed this procedure to provide a standardized approach to the removal of non-therapeutic maggots for all patients, clients and residents across the province.

Procedure

The provincial DST Procedure: Removal of Non-Therapeutic Maggots (Myiasis) provides detailed guidance on the appropriate technique to be used for this procedure.

- Decision Grid: [Community or Hospital Acquired Myiasis \(Non-therapeutic Maggots\)](#)
- Procedure: [Removal of Non-therapeutic Maggots \(Myiasis\)](#)

Expected Patient/Client/Resident Outcomes

Patient/Client/Resident with myiasis will have his/her body free of unwanted/unintentional/non-therapeutic maggots according to the procedure set by the PNSWC.

Documentation

As per PNSWC Removal of Non-therapeutic Maggots (Myiasis) procedure:

For each treatment document:

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- The maggot removal method used;
- The presence/absence of maggots at the beginning of the treatment and at the end; and
- The Patient/Client/Resident's response to the procedure.

References

See [procedure document](#).

Related Documents

Provincial NPWT Guideline

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