

Wound Dressing Selection Guideline 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):

- NSWOC or Wound Clinician, NP, RN, RPN
- LPNs may only develop wound care treatment plans for wounds above the dermis

Need to Know

The Provincial Nursing Skin and Wound Committee (PNSWC) developed the [Dressing Selection Guide Decision Support Tool \(DST\)](#) to provide a provincial standard for determining the appropriate topical wound dressing for healable, non-healing or non-healable wounds.

Guideline

Follow the [Dressing Selection Guideline DST](#) to determine the most appropriate topical wound dressing when providing wound care. Follow the [Wound ostomy & continence product information sheets](#) for dressing application and management

Quick Reference Guides

1. Provincial [Master Quick Reference Guide- Wound Dressing Selection for Adults & Children](#)
 - This QRG includes numerous products that may or may not be available to you within your Health Authority or specific site. This should be used as a general guide if a Health Authority document is not available.
2. PHC Specific Quick Reference Guide– [Wound Dressing Selection Quick Reference Guide](#)
3. VCH Specific Quick Reference Guide – [Topical Treatments of Wounds Decision Grid](#)

This document is to be used in conjunction with the [Provincial DST Guideline: Wound Management for Adults and Children](#).

Expected Patient, Client or Resident Outcomes

Patient, Client or Resident with a wound determined to be appropriate for this dressing type will have his or her wound managed according to the procedure set by the PNSWC.

Documentation

As per VCH and PHC documentation guidelines as per treatment plan or care plan.

References

See [Guideline](#)

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