The SWRWCP's Closed Surgical Wound Assessment and Management Algorithm

Person with a Closed Surgical Wound

Assess

- "nitial Wound Assessent Form"
- "Nestle Mini Nutritional Assessment (c) Tool"
- "NPUAP PUSH Tool 3.0"

Treat the Cause

Treat Co-Factors

Nutrition/hydration, mobility, medications, skin care,lifestyle factors, underlying chronic/acute disease

Address Person's Concerns

- "Comprehensive Assessment of Chronic Pain in Wounds"
- "WHO Pain Ladder with Pain Management Guidelines"
- "Cardiff Wound Impact (Quality of Life) Questionnnaire"
- Concordance

Educate

"My Surgical Wound" pamphlet

"The Importance of Nutrition in Wound Healing" pamphlet

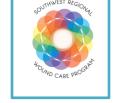
Reassess

Moisture Balance and Dressing Selection

- Typical dressings include dry, gauze based, non-adherent strip dressings
- Consider using the SWRWCP's dressing selection and cleansing enablers to choose cleansing and dressing methods

Infection/Inflammation

- Use aseptic technique
- Assess using the "Bioburden Assessment Tool"
- Treat using the "Bacterial Burden in Chronic Wounds" chart. Consider topical antimicrobials for critically colonized wounds, and topical and systemic antiicrobials for infected wounds



For more information go to: swrwoundcareprogram.ca

Debridement

No debridement should be necessary for a closed surgical incision

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