

# CC32 Skin Care

## Purpose

1. To ensure that participants' skin integrity is consistent with their general health.

## Alignment with Practice Standards

1. Module 2: Provider Governance and Operational Management
2. Module 3: Provision of Supports
3. High Intensity Daily Personal Activities

## Legislative Alignment

1. National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013
2. Work Health and Safety Act 2011 (Cth)
3. Work Health and Safety Regulations 2011 (Cth)

## Key Responsible Executive

Chief Executive Officer

## For More Support

Head of Multidisciplinary Care

## Policy Statement

1. This policy applies to registered nurses and care staff.

## Procedures

1. As part of the care and service planning process, all participants have a skin assessment undertaken and any skin integrity issues are monitored regularly during care routines by care staff.
2. Any skin disorders are noted and referral is made to the participants' doctors for appropriate follow up action.
3. The registered nurse responsible for complex wound care monitors and resources our wound management program and appropriate wound care products are made available.

4. The registered nurse collects data on wounds, checks all wounds to see if current care is effective, changes dressings as required, liaises with the participant's general practitioner if needed, attends education and provides staff with wound care education.
5. All staff involved in wound care have appropriate education, through training, and other professional resources.
6. We monitor skin integrity issues through two QPS audits: Decubitus ulcers (pressure sores) and Skin tears – general.
7. We conduct internal audits of skin integrity, monitoring of weight, monitoring of diet and fluid intake when there is weight lost.

#### References to other SAVVY policies

1. CS3.5 Participant Record Management
2. HR4.17 Information Technology

#### References to other external materials

1. Personal care and clinical procedures manual

#### Supporting documentation

1. Participant files
2. Assessments, care and service plans, incident reports, progress notes, charts

#### Version Control

1. 1 April 2023 - New Policy Creation