

# CC38 Wound Management

## Purpose

1. To promote wound healing using the most appropriate wound management method available and promote participant comfort.

## 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 Management, registered nurses and care staff.
2. Wound Management encompasses all areas of wound assessment, management and evaluation.

## Procedures

1. Management is responsible to ensure appropriate wound care products are available and staff educated in their use.
2. Registered nurses are responsible for the supervision of staff undertaking wound dressings.
3. Staff who have been trained and deemed competent can undertake wound treatments.

4. Registered nurses are responsible for determining the initial wound treatment.
5. Registered nurses are responsible for viewing wounds and reviewing their management at least once a week.
6. Registered nurses are responsible for consulting with the wound management registered nurse when wounds are deteriorating or there has been no improvement in the wound.
7. Registered nurses are responsible for consulting with the treating medical officer as required and particularly if there is no improvement, or deterioration in the wound.
8. Registered nurses are responsible for ensuring that families are kept informed of wound progress.
9. Registered nurses are responsible for supporting families to view wounds if/when this request is made by the family.
10. Dressing nurses are responsible for documenting wound treatments undertaken and their description.
11. Dressing nurses are responsible for reporting wound changes to the registered nurse.
12. Registered nurses are responsible for ensuring that photographs of wounds, including their measurements, are taken on a regular basis to aid in the review of the wound.
13. Carers are responsible for reporting new wounds to the dressing nurses who then discuss this with them.
14. Registered nurses are responsible for updating and ensuring details are included in the care and service plan.
15. Registered nurses are responsible for reporting to their manager any instances of darkened or necrotic wounds.
16. Registered nurses are responsible for contacting the GP to discuss the option of Doppler testing when peripheral vascular disease is suspected.

#### References to other SAVVY policies

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

#### References to other external materials

1. Wound Guidelines (IAHS)
2. NSW Health GL2005\_034
3. Personal care and clinical procedures manual

## Supporting documentation

1. Continuation notes
2. Care and service plan
3. Wound care chart
4. Photographs of wounds
5. Shift reports

## Version Control

1. 1 April 2023 - New Policy Creation