

	TITLE: PROTOCOL FOR WOUND DRESSING AND MINOR PROCEDURES	REV NO. 0	GRH TC- 01/2010
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Sl No.	Activity	Remarks	
1	Mentally prepare the patient	Explain to the patient the time taken for a dressing - the procedure in brief-removing the dressing, washing the wound, debridement if necessary, and fresh dressing.	
2	Expose the wound	Remove previous dressing if any. The clothing of the part should also be removed to facilitate ease of procedure and avoid spills on patients clothing	
3	Keep ready the dressing trolley	All necessary Paraphernalia must be kept ready. Dressing inventory, Plaster of Paris, Water Basin, Foley's catheter, Needles, Syringes etc.	
4	Glove	Doctor/nurse doing the dressing should glove.	
5	Paint the surrounding skin and wound	This is done to reduce the contamination of the surrounding skin (paint with Betadine/Spirit) and the wound (paint with Saline).	
6	Wheel chair/trolley	Deploy wheelchairs/Trolleys for patient's convenience when necessary.	
7	Anesthesia	Anesthesia is deployed if necessary	
10	Debridement done if necessary	Devitalized tissue if any should be debrided	
11	Use of solutions	Hydrogen peroxide	For abscesses, after IND, up to 3 RD day post IND, post debridement
		Betadine	As a paint for reducing microbial contamination
		CuSO ₄	As a chemical cautery
		Spirit	Disinfect intact skin
		Savlon	Disinfect intact skin/ulcers, to degrease the skin, interdigital spaces, and skin folds.
		Saline	To dress intact skin, for washing open fractures, RTA wounds, crush injuries, varicose ulcers, wounds.
		Tincture benzoin	As rubifacient, also to increase adhesiveness of a dressing.
12	Vaseline gauze	Used for abrasions, burns, post skin grafting.	
13	Gauze pieces	To absorb secretions by capillary action.	
14	Gamgee pads	To increase the absorption capacity of the dressing, if heavy soaking is expected	
15	Bandage/plasters	Used to hold the dressing in situ	
16	Advice patient	Timing of next dressing. Not to soak the dressing with water, To take a bath with soap and water and wash the wound well prior to dressing. NOTE: BATHING REDUCES WOUND CONTAMINATION. BATHING CAN BE RESTRICTED FOR CERTAIN TYPES OF WOUNDS DEPENDING ON THE TREATING SURGEONS DISCRETION.	