



Infection Prevention in Wound Care



Hand Hygiene

- **Before** initial client or client environment contact
- **Before** taking off wound dressing and before placing clean dressing.
- **Before** putting on gloves
- **After** body fluid exposure risk
- **After** client or client environment contact
- **After** removal of gloves



PPE

- Wear gloves during all stages of wound care including when applying new dressings.
- Wear a mask and eye protection if there is any chance of splattering
- Wear a new disposable gown to prevent contact with the client or the client's bed for each dressing change.



Equipment/Supplies

- Dedicated wound care equipment for each client needs to be disinfected after wound care is complete, per manufactures instruction.
- Appropriately store equipment/supplies until next dressing change per facility guidelines.



Single-use items

- Ointments and creams should be dedicated to one client.
- If dispensing bulk medications, hand hygiene and gloves should be used to dispense into medication cup to prevent bacteria from entering container.
- Dressing supplies should be dedicated to one wound and not multiple.



Open wounds provide a pathway for germs to enter and spread throughout the body.

Did you know ?

- Maintain separation between clean and soiled equipment to prevent cross-contamination.
- Any unused disposable supplies that enter the patient/resident's care area should remain dedicated to that patient/resident or be discarded.

