

Wound Care Guidelines in Long-Term Care & Assisted Living

Storage of wound care supplies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean and sterile supplies are stored in controlled, designated clean supply areas. Depending on the needs of the site, clean and sterile supplies can be stored in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a dedicated, lockable wound cart (like a medication cart) a dedicated room for storage of clean and sterile supplies a cupboard, in a dedicated low traffic area. Stock minimal supplies. If a Wound storage cart is used, it shall not enter the resident room. Care plans are placed in a plastic cover when taking into the resident room, clean and disinfect following use. Bring only the required dressing supplies into the resident room. Containers should not be used to hold supplies going into resident room. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extra or unused supplies DO NOT go back to the wound care storage cart or supply room. Extra or unused supplies should be stored in the resident room, in a re-sealable bag that is labelled with the resident's name. Dedicate wound cleansing solutions. See Storage of Clean and Sterile Supplies
Storage of wound dressing product from no touch technique/clean technique	<p>See Prevention of Wound Infection –Saving Dressing Pieces, When to Use & How to Save</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Save in a sterile container or resealable bag. Saved dressing(s) pieces are only kept for 2 weeks; after that time discard the container or bag and any remaining dressing pieces. Label the re-sealable bag with the resident's name, date opened and expiry date. Store all used supplies in the resident room in a covered box that is labeled with the resident's name.
Management of cleaning solution	<p>Normal saline: Discard dedicated Normal Saline after 24 hours. Label opened normal saline bottles with the resident's name and date the bottle was opened. For specialized solutions, follow manufacturer's instructions on the product label. See Product information sheets</p>
Treatment Wound Binder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each resident with skin & wound should have a treatment sheet. Each resident to have an updated treatment sheet.
Mobile Work Surface/Utility Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the absence of a clean work surface in the resident room, a dedicated mobile work surface or utility table can be used. The mobile work surface/utility table SHALL NOT be used to store clean and sterile supplies. The mobile work surface/utility table may be brought into the resident room. The mobile work surface/utility table is cleaned and disinfected after every use, is labelled as "CLEAN" and place in a dedicated storage area.

Additional Resources

- [Guideline Assessment Treatment and prevention and treatment of wound infection](#)
- [CLWK – Connecting learners with knowledge](#)
- <http://www.surgeryencyclopedia.com/A-Ce/Aseptic-Technique.html#ixzz4yWkEnDvw>
- [Documents Library – Wound Resources – CLWK](#)
- clwk.ca/get-resource/prevention-of-wound-infection-saving-dressing-pieces-qrg/

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