

COMMUNITY CARE SKILLS STANDARDS FRAMEWORK FOR SUPPORT CARE ROLES

Skills Domain	Clinical Care
Skills Category	Wound Care
Skills Standard Title	Perform wound care*
Skills Standard Descriptor	Perform non-infected and infected wound care, requiring assessment and specific applications. Report on progress of intervention
Skills Proficiency Level	Level 2 <i>Previously 'Intermediate' under CCSSF</i>
Source Code	CCSSF-CC-WC-3001-1
Knowledge <i>This refers to the gathering and cognitive processing of facts and information required to perform work tasks and activities.</i>	Underpinning Knowledge: • Types of wounds, which may include (not limited to) ○ Acute surgical wounds ○ Traumatic wounds ○ Burns ○ Non-infected wounds ○ Pressure injuries ○ Infected wounds • Simple and complex wound care • Functions of skin • Basic skin care • Wound staging • Wound assessment and its considerations, which may include: ○ Wound bed ○ Wound measurement ○ Wound edges ○ Exudate ○ Infection ○ Surrounding skin ○ Pain • Wound treatment processes, which may include: ○ Cleansing ○ Dressing ○ Packing ○ Protecting • Factors Delaying Wound Healing, which may include: ○ Malnutrition ○ Medication

	○ Obesity ○ Maceration ● Requisites used in wound care, which may include (not limited to): ○ Alcohol swabs ○ Personal protective equipment (PPE) ○ Gauze ○ Tweezers ○ Camera ○ Wound products ● Organisational policies in relation to: ○ Ensuring client's consent ○ Communicating with client ○ Reinstating tools, equipment and site ○ Performing wound cleansing ○ Completing documentation ○ Reinstating tools, equipment and site ● Standard precautions, which may include (not limited to): ○ Use of personal protective equipment ○ Hygiene practices ○ Handling patients with infection ○ Outbreak ○ Hand hygiene ● Relevant legal and/or industrial requirements in relation to support care functions, which may include: ○ Implementation Guide to Guidelines for Home Care (Agency for Integrated Care, Singapore) ○ Implementation Guide to Guidelines for Centre-Based Care (Agency for Integrated Care, Singapore) ○ Workplace Safety and Health Guidelines (Workplace Safety and Health Council) ○ National Infection Prevention and Control Guidelines for Long-Term Care Facilities (Ministry of Health)
Ability <i>This refers to the ability to perform the work tasks and activities required of the occupation, and the ability to react to and manage the changes at work.</i>	The ability to: ● Verify information on wound care in consultation with qualified healthcare professionals ● Report wound progress in accordance with organisational policies and procedures ● Prepare requisites for wound care based on care plan ● Communicate with client in relation to wound care treatment process in accordance with organisational procedures ● Perform wound cleansing in accordance with organisational procedures ● Apply dressing as advised by qualified healthcare professional in accordance with organisational policies and procedures

	• Reinstate tools, equipment and site in accordance with organisational policies and procedures • Complete documentation in accordance with care plan
Person Centred Care <i>This refers to having a person centred care mindset to drive the caregiver to respect and recognise the decisions/choices of the person they are taking care of.</i>	Underlying principles: • Treating clients with dignity and respect by being aware of and supporting personal perspectives, values, beliefs, culture and preferences; respecting their privacy while encouraging independence of the individual; and listening to each other and working in partnership to design and deliver services
Performance Outcome <i>This refers to the outcome of the task on the care recipient as indication of workplace success</i>	The support care staff is able to: • Verify information on wound care • Report wound progress • Prepare requisites for wound care • Communicate with client in relation to wound care treatment process • Perform wound cleansing • Apply dressing as advised by qualified healthcare professional