

COMMUNITY CARE SKILLS STANDARDS FRAMEWORK FOR SUPPORT CARE ROLES

Skills Domain	Clinical Care
Skills Category	Wound Care
Skills Standard Title	Assess Wound Progress*
Skills Standard Descriptor	Assess the healing progress and recommend continued or modified treatment
Skills Proficiency Level	Level 3 <i>Previously 'Advanced' under CCSSF</i>
Source Code	CCSSF-CC-WC-4002-1
Knowledge <i>This refers to the gathering and cognitive processing of facts and information required to perform work tasks and activities.</i>	Underpinning Knowledge: • Communication with client, which may include: ○ Greeting ○ Explaining process ○ Having conversations ○ Checking on client readiness ○ Creating small talk ○ Acquiring information ○ Checking history (e.g. past events, actions, etc.) • Types of wounds, which may include (not limited to) ○ Acute surgical wounds ○ Traumatic wounds ○ Burns ○ Pressure injuries ○ Infected wounds • Reasons for assessment, which may include: ○ Daily routine ○ Usage of new wound product ○ Doctor's orders • Stages of tissue formation • Wound complications • Skin assessment • Functions of the skin • Basic skin care • Complex vs. simple wound care • Wound staging • Wound healing, which includes: ○ Primary intention ○ Secondary intention

- Tertiary intention
- 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
- Factors Delaying Wound Healing, which may include:
 - Malnutrition
 - Medication
 - Obesity
 - Maceration
- Organisational policies in relation to:
 - Interpreting information on wound care requirements
 - Preparing requisites for wound care based on doctor's order or care plan
 - Conducting wound assessment to define the condition and stage of wound
 - Communicating with client in relation to wound assessment and care processes
 - Documenting updates (with photographs) on the wound care progress
 - Addressing clarifications in relation to wound care advice
- 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: • Interpret information on wound care requirements in consultation with qualified healthcare professional and in accordance with organisational policies and procedures • Prepare requisites for wound care based on doctor's order or care plan in accordance with organisational policies and procedures • Conduct wound assessment to define the condition and stage of wound with reference to approved references • Communicate with client in relation to wound assessment and care processes in accordance with organisational policies and procedures • Document updates (with photographs) on the wound care progress in accordance wound stage and condition and in accordance with organisational policies and procedures • Address clarifications in relation to wound care advice in accordance with care plan • Escalate complications to qualified healthcare professionals in accordance with organisational policies and procedures
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: • Interpret information on wound care requirements • Prepare requisites for wound care based on doctor's order or care plan • Conduct wound assessment to define the condition and stage of wound • Conduct wound assessment to define the condition and stage of wound • Escalate complications to qualified healthcare professionals