

TOPIC: A-3 WOUND MANAGEMENT

OBJECTIVE	KNOWLEDGE	SKILLS/ATTITUDES	LEARNING	ASSESSMENT
<p>To be able to assess a wound and its underlying structures, provide analgesia to ensure adequate exploration, cleansing and debridement. Decide if wound should be closed or not and select appropriate technique. Recognise those wounds that require more senior Emergency Department staff or specialist referral.</p>	<p>Classification and description of wounds.</p> <p>Closure techniques: sutures, staples, glue, adhesive strips, delayed primary closure.</p> <p>Wound infections.</p> <p>Wound dressings/splintage.</p> <p>Special wounds: puncture, bites, amputation, degloving, foreign bodies.</p> <p>Tetanus immunisation schedules.</p> <p>Special patients, eg. the immunocompromised</p> <p>Role of antibiotics.</p> <p>Detailed knowledge of hand, wrist and facial anatomy.</p>	<p><u>Skills</u></p> <p>Local anaesthetic techniques.</p> <p>Recognition of underlying structures.</p> <p>Ensure thorough mechanical wound cleansing. Removal of foreign bodies.</p> <p>Ensure the best conditions for wound management i.e. good lighting, good analgesia, good equipment. Correct closure technique. Appropriate follow up, recognising those patients at risk of wound infection and delayed healing.</p> <p><u>Attitudes</u></p> <p>Be meticulous in wound assessment and thorough in wound cleaning using appropriate investigations to establish presence of foreign bodies and damage to underlying structures.</p>	<p>LP</p> <p>LT</p> <p>GT</p> <p>PS</p> <p>SL</p>	<p>OC</p> <p>MC</p> <p>DOPS</p> <p>CBD</p> <p>AUD</p> <p>ME</p> <p>FFAEM</p> <p>MFAEM</p>