

## Unit 138: Remove Wound Drains

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Level:	3
Unit type:	Optional
Credit value:	5
Guided learning hours:	43

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### Unit Aim

This unit will provide learners with knowledge and skills of wound drainage ensuring the learners feel comfortable to perform this procedure.

### Assessment requirements

This unit must be assessed in line with *Skills for Health Assessment Principles for Qualifications that Assess Occupational Competence* document. Detailed information can be found in *Annexe A* of the qualification specification.

Evidence for skills within learning outcomes 3 and 4 must come from real work activities.

<b>Learning outcomes</b> <b>The learner will:</b>	<b>Assessment criteria</b> <b>The learner can:</b>
1 Understand current legislation, national guidelines, policies, protocols and best practice in relation to removing wound drains	1.1 Summarise current legislation, national guidelines policies, protocols and best practice in relation to removing wound drains
	1.2 Summarise own responsibilities and accountability in relation to removing wound drains
	1.3 Explain the importance of working within own sphere of competence
2 Understand factors related to the removal of wound drains	2.1 Describe the anatomy and physiology of the skin and underlying structures
	2.2 Identify the types, purpose and function of materials and equipment in relation to removing wound drains
	2.3 Summarise the methods and techniques for preparing and applying dressings and wound supports

<b>Learning outcomes</b> <b>The learner will:</b>	<b>Assessment criteria</b> <b>The learner can:</b>
	2.4 Explain how to measure the <b>individual's</b> wound drainage prior to removal 2.5 Explain the hazards associated with measuring wound drainage and removing the wound drain 2.6 Describe adverse reactions and actions to be taken
3 Be able to prepare to remove wound drains	3.1 Confirm the activity in line with the <b>individual's</b> care plan 3.2 Implement health and safety measures relevant to the procedure and environment 3.3 Confirm the <b>individual's</b> identity and obtain <b>valid consent</b> 3.4 Select and check the equipment is fit for purpose 3.5 Communicate information, support and reassurance to address the <b>individual's</b> needs and concerns 3.6 Prepare the drainage system in accordance with local policies and procedures and manufacturer's guidance 3.7 Apply standard precautions for infection control 3.8 Maintain an <b>individual's</b> privacy and dignity at all times 3.9 Carry out wound drain removal in accordance with local policy and protocol 3.10 Dispose of used wound drainage systems and equipment according to local policy and protocol
4 Be able to care for and support the individual during and after the procedure	4.1 Reassure the <b>individual</b> 4.2 Assess and take relevant action for risks identified prior to and during the procedure 4.3 Observe the drainage site for signs of leakage and apply the levant dressing 4.4 Record and report outcomes of the activity in line with local policy and protocol

## Additional information about the unit

Exemplification of terms used in assessment criteria:

**Individuals** refers to someone requiring care or support; it will usually mean the person or people supported by the learner.

**Valid consent** (must be in line with agreed UK country definition) may include:

- The individual must have the mental capacity to make the decision
- The individual must have sufficient non-bias information to make an informed choice
- The individual must not be pressured into making a decision and must give consent freely.