

Unit 76: Undertake Treatments and Dressings of Lesions and Wounds

Level:	3
Unit type:	Optional
Credit value:	4
Guided learning hours:	23

Unit Aim

This unit will provide learners with knowledge and skills of wound and lesion dressings 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 4-6 must come from real work activities.

Learning outcomes The learner will:	Assessment criteria The learner can:
1 Understand current legislation, national guidelines, policies, protocols, best practice and safety measures related to undertaking treatments and dressings of lesions and wounds	1.1 Summarise the current legislation, national guidelines, policies, protocols and best practice guidelines which inform undertaking treatments and dressings of lesions and wounds
	1.2 Explain the importance of maintaining compliance with health and safety guidance at all times
	1.3 Explain the importance of using aseptic techniques which follow local guidelines and procedures
	1.4 Explain the importance of wearing personal protective equipment
	1.5 Explain the importance of working within own sphere of competence in relation to undertaking treatments and dressings of lesions and wounds

Learning outcomes The learner will:	Assessment criteria The learner can:
2 Understand wound infection and healing	2.1 Define asepsis, antisepsis and cross infection
	2.2 Describe the aspects of the anatomy and physiology of the skin which inform the application of dressings
	2.3 Explain the process of wound healing and identify factors which promote and delay the process
	2.4 Outline sources and consequences of wound contamination and measures to avoid and deal with these
3 Understand the rationale for carrying out procedures when treating wounds/lesions	3.1 Identify the types and functions of equipment, materials and dressings used in own work area
	3.2 Explain the importance of following procedures outlined in the care plan
	3.3 Explain the importance of referring any changes in the wound/lesion or adverse reactions which are outside own competence to the practitioner
4 Be able to prepare to treat and dress lesions and wounds	4.1 Confirm the activity in line with the individual's care plan
	4.2 Implement health and safety measures relevant to the procedure and the environment
	4.3 Confirm the individual's identity and obtain valid consent to carry out the procedure
	4.4 Communicate information, support and reassurance to address the individual's needs and concerns
	4.5 Select and confirm all equipment and materials to be used is fit for purpose as outlined in the care plan
	4.6 Maintain the sterility of dressings prior to and during application
5 Be able to carry out treatments and dressings to lesions/wounds	5.1 Apply standard precautions for infection control
	5.2 Maintain an individual's privacy and dignity at all times

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	5.3 Scrutinise the lesion/wound for any change in appearance
	5.4 Explain the importance of referring any changes in the wound/lesion or adverse reactions which are outside own competence to the practitioner
	5.5 Carry out treatments as outlined in the care plan
	5.6 Observe the individual for adverse reactions while carrying out treatment in accordance with the care plan
	5.7 Apply/attach dressings in line with the care plan
	5.8 Deal with hazardous waste in line with local policy
6 Be able to record and report outcomes of the activities	6.1 Record and report outcomes of the activity in line with national/local policy

Additional information about the unit

Exemplification of terms used in assessment criteria:

Individual 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.