## **Self Wound Care Guide**



- Keep the wound clean and dry.
- Eat right. Maintain a healthy, well-balanced diet. Take fresh fruits, vegetables and lean protein.
- During shower, keep your dressing dry with a waterproof cover. Ensure that there is a good seal to prevent wetting the wound.
- Change your dressing when it is soiled or wet.
- Consult your healthcare provider on the frequency of dressing change.
- Take your prescribed medications as instructed by the doctor.



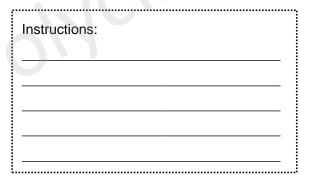
- Do not rub or scratch the wound.
- Do not expose the wound to the air or sunlight.
- Do not apply your own ointment, powder, lotion or traditional medication onto the wound.
- Do not smoke as smoking reduces the supply of oxygen to heal the wound.
- Do not open your dressing unnecessarily before your next dressing review.

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PLEASE SEE A DOCTOR IF YOU EXPERIENCE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

- · Wound that is not healing after 5 days.
- · Wound that looks yellow, pale, or black.
- Foul smelling yellow/green fluid from the wound.
- Increase in redness around the wound.
- Increase in swelling of the wound.
- Increase in pain of the wound.
- Excessive bleeding from the wound.
- Fever (Temperature ≥37.5°C).



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. With clean hands, open the dressing set. Put in your supplies.



. Wash your hands or use an alcohol based hand rub.



. Take out the trash bag and blue waterproof sheet.



. Pour cleansing solution into cotton swabs.



. Squeeze all cotton swabs until semi-dry.



. Remove and discard the old dressing.



. Wash your hands or use an alcohol based hand rub.



. Clean the wound followed by the surrounding skin. Use each cotton swab once only.



. Pat dry the wound and surrounding skin with gauze.



. Apply wound product and the new dressing. Touch only the corners of the dressing.



. Discard all materials into the plastic trash bag.



. Wash your hands thoroughly.