



VAC Wound Care

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Suggested Documentation for Ulcer Debridement for Noridian Healthcare Solutions Beneficiaries

References: "Wound and Ulcer Care" Local Coverage Determination (L38902) and LCD Reference Article (A58565)

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Patient Name:

Date of Service:

Patient Number:

Chief Complaint:

History of Present Illness: _____

Underlying medical diagnosis:

Factors complicating wound healing and what is being done to address each of them:

Exam:

Vascular exam (including any studies): _____

There is [must choose at least one]:

- ☐ necrotic
- ☐ devitalized
- ☐ non-viable

tissue present that is interfering with wound healing that requires debridement.

Location of ulcer debrided: _____

Ulcer length:

Ulcer width:

Ulcer depth:

Ulcer stage:

Which tissue depths are impacted:

- ☐ dermis
- ☐ subcutaneous
- ☐ muscle/fascia
- ☐ bone

Ulcer color:

Drainage type:

- ☐ Serous
- ☐ Sanguinous
- ☐ Serosanguinous
- ☐ Purulent

Undermining / Tunneling: Yes / No

If yes, where: N/A or _____

Necrosis? Yes / No

If yes, describe:

Infection? Yes / No

If yes, describe signs:

Response to current treatment: _____

Since last encounter this wound has [must choose one unless this is first debridement]:

- ☐ improved.
- ☐ worsened.
- ☐ not changed.
- ☐ other _____.

Plan / Procedure

Was anesthesia used? Yes/ No

If so, what anesthesia: N/A or _____

This patient has sufficient vascular perfusion to support healing. This is demonstrated by _____.

This patient has sufficient metabolic stability to support healing. This is demonstrated by _____.

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This patient has adequate nutritional support to support healing. This is demonstrated by _____.

Debridement is medically necessary today because this is a [must choose at least one]:

- ☐ surgical wound that was left open to heal by secondary intention.
- ☐ infected open wound induced by trauma.
- ☐ infected open wound induced by surgery.
- ☐ wound with biofilm.
- ☐ wound associated with complicating autoimmune, metabolic, and vascular or pressure factors.
- ☐ wound complicated by necrotic tissue and/or eschar.

There is necrotic tissue and debris present on this open wound and debridement is necessary to attempt to maintain an active state of healing.

Attention was directed to the ulcer on the _____. A sterile prep of the area (was / was not) performed. A (scalpel, scissors, curette) was utilized for sharp debridement to remove the (hyperkeratotic rim and) (necrotic tissue, devitalized tissue, fibrotic tissue) from the wound bed. The deepest depth of tissue removed was (dermis, subcutaneous tissue, muscle/fascia, bone). A total of _____ sq cm of tissue was removed from the deepest depth of the wound debrided. Hemostasis was obtained with (pressure, electric cautery, chemical cautery). Upon completion, the wound was dressed with _____. This debridement was medically necessary in order to remove nonviable tissue in an attempt to promote healing and decrease risk of infection.

There is an expectation that this debridement will [must choose at least one]:

- ☐ substantially affect tissue healing and viability
- ☐ reduce or control tissue infection
- ☐ remove necrotic tissue
- ☐ prepare the tissue for surgical management.

Treatment plan: _____

Patient instructions given include: _____

Goal of this treatment: [must choose at least one]:

- ☐ healing
- ☐ palliation
- ☐ comfort
- ☐ prevent infection
- ☐ limb salvage
- ☐ other _____

Follow up appointment: _____

Offloading modality in place: _____

Practitioner signature_____

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