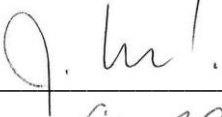



Leamington Mennonite Home  
Long Term Care

**POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

<b>CATEGORY:</b> Resident Care	<b>SUBJECT:</b> Skin Care & Wound Management Team	<b>SECTION:</b> S
<b>DATE:</b> September 2004	<b>Administrator:</b> 	<b>POLICY:</b> 5
<b>REVISION DATES:</b> December 2005, April 2013, June 2015, October 2017	<b>Director of Care:</b> 	

**SKIN CARE & WOUND MANAGEMENT TEAM**

**POLICY:**

- In consultation with the Physician, the Skin Care and Wound Management Team will ensure that each resident is receiving skin care according to his / her individual assessed needs. The individual skin care plan shall consist of:
  - reducing and relieving pressure
  - promoting and maintenance of skin integrity
  - ensuring comfort and mobility
  - preventing deterioration and infection
  - promoting good nutrition care as it relates to skin integrity and wound healing.
  - minimizing pain and discomfort
- The goal of the Team shall be to minimize the risks of altered skin integrity and maximize the care and quality of life of each resident.

**PROCEDURE:**

- The Skin Care and Wound Management Team shall consist of Registered Staff (including Registered Nurses and Registered Practical Nurses), a Registered Dietitian, an Adjuvant and the Infection Control Practitioner. This interdisciplinary team shall also include a skin care coordinator who is a regulated health care professional who will coordinate and bring together the required expertise in order to educate and support staff on skin care and wound management and knowledge of current best practices.
- The Skin Care and Wound Management Team shall meet quarterly and whenever there is a change in a resident's health status that affects skin integrity.
- Weekly skin assessments shall be completed for residents' wounds by Registered Staff as part of the Skin Care and Wound Management Policy and Procedure. The Interdisciplinary Team shall follow each resident's treatment plan and review quarterly. If the resident's treatment plan requires more frequent review, the committee will recommend that the Registered Staff monitor and update the coordinator weekly with any pertinent information.
- If the resident's condition requires an ET Nurse assessment or another optional service, the wound care team will obtain consent for treatment and personal care from the resident

and/or substitute decision maker. The Wound Care Team will forward their recommendations to the Physician for further interventions.

- All Policies & Procedures and assessments pertaining to skin care and wound management will be reviewed by the Team and revisions will be made as needed to ensure residents receive skin care according to his / her individual needs.
- The Skin Care & Wound Management Team will provide education and information for all nursing staff when new procedures are implemented or any changes to Policies and Procedures have been made. These educational sessions will be made available for staff on each shift.
- The Skin Care Coordinator and/or the Infection Control Practitioner will compile a monthly audit of skin care concerns and interventions. The statistical data will be reported to the LMH Quality Insurance Program Committee quarterly as well as reviewed by the Skin Care and Wound Management Team.
- The Team, in consultation with the Physician, will implement the treatment plan for residents with altered skin integrity starting with prevention, Stage 1 and Stage 2. A list of basic skin care supplies and positioning devices will be made available and accessible for staff. This list will be placed in the front of each TARS. Any Stage beyond this (3, 4 and X) will be individualized to the resident's needs, or change in resident's needs, using best practice nursing guidelines.

### **SKIN CARE AND WOUND MANAGEMENT TEAM**

- Skin Care Coordinator, DOC
- Infection Control Practitioner, ADOC
- Registered Staff, Registered Nurse
- Registered Dietitian
- Occupation Therapist Aide
- Physician