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POLICY SUBJECT:

Conservative Sharp Wound Debridement

PURPOSE:

To promote wound healing through the safe and effective removal of non-viable tissue in or surrounding the wound bed.

BOARD POLICY REFERENCE:

Executive Limitation (EL-01) – Global Executive Restraint and Risk
 Executive Limitation (EL-02) – Treatment of Clients

POLICY:

- Upon identification of a wound, a Health Care Professional (HCP) shall conduct a wound assessment to determine the need for Conservative Sharp Wound Debridement (CSWD) as per Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA) Wound Bed Preparation Clinical Practice Guideline: <https://professionals.wrha.mb.ca/old/extranet/eipt/files/EIPT-013-015.pdf>
- Sharp wound debridement is a reserved act in section 4 of the Regulated Health Professions Act (RHPA).
- If it is determined that a wound would benefit from CSWD, only HCPs permitted under the RHPA and professional regulations shall perform the procedure. HCPs are required to follow professional regulations for when additional education is required to perform a reserved act. The [Reserved Acts Requiring Additional Education for Regulated Health Professionals in SH-SS](#) document also lists the Southern Health-Santé Sud (SH-SS) HCPs required to do additional CSWD education. HCPs that are not professionally regulated to

do additional education to perform this reserved act are expected to do self-assessments of competency and additional education as needed.

- HCPs requiring additional education to perform CSWD require the approval of their supervisor/manager and completion of:
 - WRHA Level 1 Wound Care Course and WRHA Level 2 Wound Care Courses specifically Pressure Injuries, Diabetic Foot Ulcers and Venous/Arterial/Mixed Lower Leg Ulcers or equivalent courses.
 - or**
 - WRHA Level 1 Wound Care Course and WRHA Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy Wound Care Modules, or equivalent courses.
 - and**
 - A certification program in CSWD approved by SH-SS. See CSWD-Additional Education for approved programs.
- For HCPs requiring additional education to perform CSWD, maintaining competency requires:
 - CSWD program re-certification with written exam every 3 years,
 - Completion of a minimum of 12 CSWD procedures annually (6 CSWD procedures every 6 months). Health Care Providers that have not performed the required number of CSWD procedures in a year will have their practice suspended and be required to complete CSWD program re-certification with written exam in order to resume practice; and
 - Tracking and submission of completed CSWD procedures to their direct supervisor/manager or designate (tracking method may vary by program).
- SH-SS must maintain a current record of HCPs who have successfully completed CSWD additional education that includes HCP name, registration number, area of practice, type of education and date education was completed. This information may be requested by professional organizations as evidence of meeting and maintaining additional education requirements for specific reserved acts under the RHPA. The QHR database will be used to record and report this data. See CSWD-Additional Education for details on the recording and reporting of certification and competency.
- An order from an Authorized Prescriber is not required for wound care consultation, CSWD or selection of dressings.

DEFINITIONS:

Advanced Wound Care Clinician: Health Care Professional who has completed a recognized wound care program, these include;

- Enterstomal Therapy (through the Canadian Association of Enterstomal Therapist (CAET) or Nurses Specialized in Wound, Ostomy and Continence (NSWOCs).
- University affiliated advanced wound care education programs such as the International Interprofessional Wound Care Course (IIWCC), University of Western Ontario, Masters of Clinical Sciences in Wound Healing and the Grant MacEwan University Certificate in Wound Management.

Certification in Conservative Sharp Wound Debridement: A program offered or approved by Southern Health-Santé Sud (SH-SS) that includes theory, acquisition of technical skill, clinical judgement, and integration of knowledge into practice through a mentorship program which is supervised by an Advanced Wound Care Clinician or Primary Care Provider meeting required SH-SS certification and competency in CSWD.

Competency: The ongoing ability of a HCP to integrate and apply the knowledge, skills, judgment and personal attributes required to practice safely and ethically in a designated role and setting.

Conservative Sharp Wound Debridement (CSWD): The removal of non-viable tissue to the level of viable tissue using a scalpel, scissors or a curette to create a clean wound bed.

Health Care Professional (HCP): Refers to all Health Care Professionals including those regulated by the Regulated Health Professions Act (RHPA) engaged in actions whose primary intent is to enhance health, including those who promote and preserve health, those who diagnose and treat disease, manage health and includes professionals with specific areas of competence.

Occupational Therapists (OTs)/Physical Therapists (PTs): Rehabilitation therapy professionals with additional education and experience in hand therapy treatments requiring CSWD.

Authorized Prescriber: Refers to a Health Care Professional who is permitted to prescribe medications and/or treatments as defined by provincial and federal legislation, his/her regulatory college or association, and practice setting.

Primary Care Providers (PCPs): May include Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants and Clinical Assistants

QHR: A computer software database used to record and report information.

Regulated Health Professions Act (RHPA): Manitoba legislation that regulates health professions.

Reserved Act: A health care service or procedure that can only be performed by regulated health care professionals as defined by provincial and federal legislation, his/her regulatory college or association, and practice setting.

Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA) Wound Care Clinical Practice Guidelines: These guidelines provide all health care professionals within SH-SS and SH-SS contracted sites with a consistent and evidence informed approach to prevention and treatment of wounds.

IMPORTANT POINTS TO CONSIDER:

- SH-SS Health Care Professionals practice in accordance with the evidence informed WRHA Wound Care Clinical Guidelines.

PROCEDURE:

- To request consultation on CSWD:
 - Advanced wound care clinicians require a Wound Consult Form
 - OTs/PTs do not require a consult as care is done as part of hand therapy assessment and treatment
 - Physicians/surgeons and other PCPs will follow established consultation processes
- Health Care Professionals meeting required SH-SS certification and competency in CSWD and performing CSWD shall follow WRHA Clinical Practice Guidelines: WRHA Conservative Sharp Wound Debridement in Adults and Children <https://professionals.wrha.mb.ca/old/extranet/eipt/files/EIPT-013-017.pdf> or WRHA Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy Wound Debridement Modules (Currently under development).

REFERENCES:

[CLI.4110.SG.013.FORM.01](#) Wound Assessment and Treatment Form

[CLI.4110.SG.002.FORM.01](#) Braden Scale for Predicting Risk of Pressure Injuries

College of Occupational Therapists of Manitoba (COTM) (January 2020) – *Guidance Document: Scope of Practice*

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba (CPSM) (December 2018) – *CPSM General Regulation* - http://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/regs/current/_pdf-regs.php?reg=163/2018

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba (CPSM) (December 2018) – *Practice of Medicine Regulation* - http://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/regs/current/_pdf-regs.php?reg=162/2018

College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba (CRNM) (December 2021) – *Practice Direction: Criteria for Reserved Acts Requiring Additional Education*
<https://www.crnmb.ca/resource/criteria-for-reserved-acts-requiring-additional-education/>

Province of Manitoba-Manitoba Health – *The Regulated Health Professions Act* (accessed June 2022) [The Regulated Health Professions Act \(RHPA\) | Health | Province of Manitoba \(gov.mb.ca\)](#)

Province of Manitoba (June 2009) - *The Regulated Health Professions Act (RHPA)* - [S.M. 2009, c. 15 \(gov.mb.ca\)](#)

Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (April 2019) - *Conservative Sharp Wound Debridement*
Policy https://policies.wrha.mb.ca/wp-admin/admin-ajax.php?juwfpisadmin=false&action=wpfd&task=file.download&wpfd_category_id=415&wpfd_file_id=3087&token=a88b1eb40d937ff37ce5b42505b598d9&preview=1

Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (2021) – *Competency in Conservative Sharp Wound Debridement* Clinical Practice Guideline
<https://professionals.wrha.mb.ca/old/extranet/eipt/files/EIPT-013-017.pdf>