

POCKET TOOL -- WOUND PHOTOGRAPHY DETAILED PROCEDURE

Supplies needed:

- Wound care supplies as required
- Disposable blue pad(s) (for background)
- Disposable measuring device labelled with client identifiers (initials), date and anatomical location.
- Approved device (i.e. point and shoot camera with memory card). Ensure it is charged.
- Hard carrying case for device
- Hand hygiene supplies
- Non-sterile gloves

Before photographing wound:

- Obtain consent (verbal or consent form)
- View previous photos if possible and notes specific to the client. Use same:
 - camera
 - client position
 - background, lighting
 - additional photos

After photographing & re-dressing wound:

- Document wound assessment and photographs taken
- Upload photographs from the device to the secured drive on computer
- Save photo files using a consistent process for file & folder naming
- Delete images from the device (format memory card)
- Store the device in a secure area

STEPS:

1. Place device case on hard, clean surface.
2. Position client, maintaining comfort, privacy and confidentiality.
3. Perform hand hygiene. Don gloves, remove dressing, and cleanse wound as per protocol.
4. Place blue disposable pad in the background of the wound. Remove any items that could distract or impede view of wound.
5. Place measuring device close to wound edge on same plane as wound.
6. Remove gloves and perform hand hygiene before handling device.
7. Turn device on and check settings (i.e. macro setting on, VR on, etc.).
8. Take photos, avoiding device contact with client and surroundings
 - Close-up: 90% wound/reddened periwound, 10% intact periwound
 - Midway: some wound detail and 4-6cm clear intact periwound
 - Distance **with** measuring device: anatomical location, intact healthy tissue, and/or comparison of limbs
 - Distance **without** measuring device on the skin
9. Review photos. Delete blurry photos and retake as necessary.
10. Turn off device and return to carrying case. Wipe outside of case.
11. Perform hand hygiene.
12. Don gloves, provide wound care and redress wound as per protocol.