

| Unit Title: Remove Wound Closure Materials |              |
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| Level:                                     | Two          |
| Credit Value:                              | 3            |
| GLH:                                       | 24           |
| OCNLR Unit Code:                           | PA1/2/LQ/115 |
| Ofqual Unit Reference Number:              | R/508/4019   |

*This unit has 6 learning outcomes*

| LEARNING OUTCOMES  | ASSESSMENT CRITERIA  |
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| <b>The learner will:</b>   | <b>The learner can:</b>  |
| 1. Know the anatomy and physiology of the skin and underlying tissues.                                 | 1.1. Describe the aspects of the anatomy and physiology of the skin and underlying tissues which inform wound closures and their removal.  |
| 2. Understand wound healing and contamination.   | 2.1. Define and explain asepsis, antisepsis and cross infection.<br>2.2. Explain the process of wound healing and identify factors which promote and delay the process.<br>2.3. Describe potential sources of wound contamination and the required measures to avoid and deal with them.<br>2.4. Describe the consequences of wound contamination.   |
| 3. Understand the rationale for following approved procedures and techniques to remove wound closures. | 3.1. Summarise the legislation, policies and protocols which inform own role when removing wound closures.<br>3.2. Explain the importance of following procedures specified in the care plan and the consequences of poor practice.<br>3.3. Explain the procedure for dealing with any problems encountered while removing wound closures.<br>3.4. Explain the procedure and rationale for the disposal of waste from the removal of wound closures in line with local policy. |

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| <p>4. Be able to prepare to remove wound closure materials.</p> | <p>4.1. Implement health and safety measures relevant to the procedure and environment.<br/> 4.2. Confirm the individual's identity and gain valid consent to carry out the activity.<br/> 4.3. Provide information, support and reassurance to the individual to address any needs and concerns.<br/> 4.4. Communicate information in a way that is sensitive to the personal beliefs and preferences of the individual.<br/> 4.5. Select all required equipment and materials and confirm that they are fit for purpose for the activity.<br/> 4.6. Check for any contraindications to removing wound closures and deal with these within own scope of practice.</p> |
| <p>5. Be able to remove wound closure materials.</p>            | <p>5.1. Apply standard precautions for infection control.<br/> 5.2. Observe and support the individual while removing wound closures according to the Care Plan.<br/> 5.3. Describe potential adverse reactions to the removal of wound closures and how to deal with them.<br/> 5.4. Dispose of waste before leaving the care area in accordance with local policy and protocol.</p>  |
| <p>6. Be able to record and report outcomes of procedures.</p>  | <p>6.1. Record the outcomes and findings of the activity according to national/local policy.<br/> 6.2. Report outcomes and findings to members of the care team.</p>   |

## Assessment

The grid below gives details of the assessment activities to be used with the unit attached. Please refer to the OCN London Assessment Definitions document for definitions of each activity and the expectations for assessment practice and evidence for verification.

**P = Prescribed** This assessment method *must* be used to assess all or part of the unit.

**O = Optional** This assessment method *could* be used to assess all or part of the unit.

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| Case Study                          |   | Project                 |   |
| Written question & answer/test/exam | O | Role play/simulation    |   |
| Essay                               |   | Practical demonstration | P |
| Report                              |   | Group discussion        |   |
| Oral question and answer            | O | Performance/exhibition  |   |
| Written description                 | O | Production of artefact  |   |
| Reflective log/diary                |   | Practice file           |   |