

# **DIVISION SCOPE OF SERVICE**

**Division: FAR WEST** 

DHP Classification: WOUND CARE NURSE

Name of Dependent Healthcare Professional (DHP):

#### Wound Care Nurse:

The Wound Care Nurse must have equivalent qualifications and competence as employed individuals performing the same or similar services at the facility.

#### **Definition of Care or Service:**

The Wound Care Nurse cares for patients with wounds caused by medical treatments, diseases, or injuries. They also provide post-surgery treatment and care for patients with ostomies. Scope of Service may include:

- Sharp debridement of necrotic tissue from all types of wounds
- Curettage as well as forceps and scissors sharp debridement done with the addition of topical local anesthetic
- Demonstrates Clinical and Service excellence behaviors to include code of HCA conduct core fundamentals in daily interactions with patients, families, co-workers and physicians

## Setting(s):

- Healthcare facilities including but not limited to hospitals, outpatient treatment facilities, imaging centers, and physician practices
- Wound care procedures may occur in the patient's room

# Supervision:

- Direct supervision by at least one member of the medical staff with clinical privileges
  - o Indirect supervision by the nursing department director or designee

**Evaluator:** Supervising physician in conjunction with the nursing department director or designee

#### Qualifications:

- Currently licensure as a RN by the State Board of Nursing.
- RN Graduate of a Diploma, Associate Degree, or Bachelor of Science nursing program
- American Heart Association health care provider BLS Certification

# State Requirements:

California: Graduate of an accredited School of Nursing and current licensure as a Registered Nurse in the state of California required.

Nevada: Current Registered Nurse licensure in the state of Nevada

## Experience:

Two to three years' experience as an Wound Care Nurse preferred.

# Competencies:

The Wound Care Nurse will demonstrate:

- A safe environment for patients
  - o Uses at least two ways to identify patients before assessing, treating or performing a procedure
  - o Participates in the pre-procedure process to verify the correct procedure, for the correct patient, at the correct site and involves the patient in the verification process when possible
- Accurate patient information review and evaluation
  - o Collects and documents assessment data in the medical record
    - Entries in the medical record are countersigned by the attending physician within 24 hours
  - o Facilitates communication between the physician, patient, family and nursing staff
  - o Educates patients and their family about the medical treatment plan and discharge plans
  - Notifies the appropriate member of the interdisciplinary patient care team of issues that require immediate intervention or attention



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- Infection Prevention
  - o Practices consistent hand hygiene
  - Uses personal protective equipment (PPE)
  - Required immunizations per DHP Division requirements
  - Complies with Isolation precautions

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