

Wound Management Pathway for women undergoing C-section

- BMI > 35
- or
- Type I or II Diabetic
- Previous C-section with complications
- Previous numerous C-section (2 or more)

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Once applied as per manufacture guidelines ensure device is operating correctly – call 24 hour helpline for advice

Monitor dressing for amount of 'staining'
– leave in place until staining has reached the 'disc' or 7 days whichever is sooner – see instructions with kit for diagram

BMI < 35 with no co-morbidities

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Leave dressing in place for 7 days checking daily for signs of infection

Where there is exudate production or wound breakdown continue with the dressing regime until wound is dry
Obtain wound swab for culture and sensitivity if there are signs of infection

Signs of infection

- Developing pyrexia
- Increased pain at wound site
- Increased swelling of peri-wound area
- Offensive odour from under dressing
- Dressing saturated with see page from wound
- Green/yellow discharge from the wound

Taking a wound swab

- Cleanse the wound saline prior to obtaining swab
- Obtain specimens from clean viable tissue and **not** exudate or pus
- Moisten the tip of the applicator swab with saline
- Use a zig-zag motion across the wound surface
- Use sufficient pressure on the swab to express fluid from the wound tissue
- Label the specimen with details including the reason why you have taken the swab, for example: wound oozing green-coloured pus; developing pyrexia