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Articles

Suture materials and techniques for optimal cutaneous wound cosmesis: A systematic review

Wound cosmesis is the key to satisfaction in all patients undergoing surgery. While principles such as the preservation of function, free margins, contour, and the placement of scars in cosmetic subunit junction lines are widely accepted, the suture materials and techniques used to achieve an ideal scar vary. We performed a systematic review of the literature on how suture materials and techniques affect scar cosmesis
Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology 2022 86 (5) 1136 – 1137

Skin damage : the personal cost of Covid-19 measures

Almost half of nurses (49%) have experienced trouble with their skin caused by work in the two years since the pandemic began, an exclusive Nursing Standard survey suggests. Itchy, sore, dry and split skin on the face, neck and hands continued for many nurses with the constant wearing of personal protective equipment (PPE) and rigorous hand cleansing procedures introduced to combat COVID-19.
Nursing Standard 2022 37 (5) 51 -54

Best Practice and Guidelines

Patients Association 2022

Making wound care work: rebuilding services for the 3.8 million people living with a wound in the UK.

One in 50 people in the UK live with a chronic wound that may cause pain, restrict their daily life, and affect their mental health. But despite this toll, wound care services are not something we talk about very often. I hope with the publication of this report we can change that and start a conversation about the current state of wound care services in the UK, and how they can be improved.

Available from: [Making Wound Care Work \(patients-association.org.uk\)](https://patients-association.org.uk)



UK Health Security Agency 2022

Rare and Imported Pathogens Laboratory (RIPL) : Specimen referral guidelines and service user manual

RIPL provides a clinical diagnostic service for rare and/or imported pathogens such as pathogenic arboviruses, haemorrhagic fever viruses and a number of Hazard Group 3 bacterial pathogens including rickettsiae, Coxiella burnetii and Bacillus anthracis.

Available from: [Rare and Imported Pathogens Laboratory \(RIPL\): Specimen referral guidelines and service user manual versio 26 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/guidelines-and-service-user-manual-versio-26)

Cochrane Library 2022

Negative pressure wound therapy for surgical wounds healing by primary closure

Indications for the use of negative pressure wound therapy (NPWT) are broad and include prophylaxis for surgical site infections (SSIs). Existing evidence for the effectiveness of NPWT on postoperative wounds healing by primary closure remains uncertain

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Negative pressure wound therapy for managing the open abdomen in non-trauma patients

Management of the open abdomen is a considerable burden for patients and healthcare professionals. Various temporary abdominal closure techniques have been suggested for managing the open abdomen. In recent years, negative pressure wound therapy (NPWT) has been used in some centres for the treatment of non-trauma patients with an open abdomen; however, its effectiveness is uncertain

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Dressings and topical agents for the management of open wounds after surgical treatment for sacrococcygeal pilonidal sinus

Sacrococcygeal pilonidal sinus disease is a common debilitating condition that predominantly affects young adults, with a profound impact on their activities of daily living. The condition is treated surgically, and in some cases the wound in the natal clef (is le) (open to heal by itself. Many dressings and topical agents are available to aid healing of these wounds.

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Timing of antibiotic administration, wound debridement, and the stages of reconstructive surgery for open long bone fractures of the upper and lower limbs

Open fractures of the major long bones are complex limb-threatening injuries that are predisposed to deep infection. Treatment includes antibiotics and surgery to debride the wound, stabilise the fracture and reconstruct any soft tissue defect to enable infection-free bone repair. There is a need to assess the effect of timing and duration of antibiotic administration and timing and staging of surgical interventions to optimise outcomes.

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