

Interdisciplinary Care Conferences for Wound Care:

The Role of Home and Community Care



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Purpose –

To ensure wound care practice incorporates evidence-based interventions to achieve timely, higher quality, patient-centred outcomes.



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- **When expected outcomes were not met at specific time intervals, mandatory care conferences were embedded into the HNHB LHIN pathways**
- **Since November 2015, 1,000 Inter-disciplinary care conferences have occurred with primary nurses**



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Patients and primary care physicians, PT, OT and PSWs are invited to attend a care conference when barriers preventing goal achievement are identified and their involvement is needed.



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Outcome Based Service Pathways Wound Care Case Conference Form

Patient Name: _____ Patient BRN: _____ Date of Conference: _____

Attendees (including designation and organization):

Identified Root Causes of Barriers to Healing	Action Plan/ Previous Action Plan	Person Responsible	Expected Date of Completion
Activity/ Immobility/ Falls Risk			
Infection			
Diet/ Obesity/ Malnutrition			
Pain			
Other Diagnosis Impacting Wound Healing/ Lab Work			
Access to Pressure Relief Devices			
Compression			
Adherence to Plan of Care			
Medication			
Smoking/ Alcohol or Substance Abuse			
Financial			
Supplies/ Equipment			
Family/ Caregiver Support/ Burden			
Cognitive Impairment / Mental Health Issues			
Other			

Sign and Lock Form: _____

Completed By (Name and Designation): _____ Agency: _____ Date: _____

“...Could have Bought a Car!”

CASE EXAMPLE –

- **Quadriplegic male patient cauda equina syndrome**
- **On service more than 12 months**
- **Wound Care for right ischial tuberosity pressure injury since July of 2015**



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Physiotherapy:

- **Physio 2008**
- **Patient has ceiling lift in place for transfers**



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Pressure Redistribution



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July 11, 2016 – Case conference initiated

- **General health: Discussed issues**
- **Psychosocial: Set mutual goals with the patient. Discus/review with patient the need to discontinue NPWT d/t lack of healing. Et/WC nurse to reassess for other options**
- **Nutrition: Care coordinator will phone patient and ask for permission to have Dietitian meet with patient/ friend and father who cook his meals – blood work will allow dietitian to assess status and oral intake**

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Follow-Up

- **NPWT discontinued and patient put into a conventional dressing – additional \$473.00 was spent on service/supplies**
- **Patient discharged from nursing for wound care on Jan 24, 2017 as wound was healed**
- **Patient has not returned to service for wound care**

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Conclusion:

Case conferencing allows the patient, service providers, physicians, specialist and LHIN care coordinators to come together to discuss, collaborate, review barriers and discuss strategies for ongoing treatment plans.

