

Condition	Assessment	Interventions	Follow-Up/Evaluation
Wound Drainage/Infection	Risk Level: Urgent	Immediate Intervention	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Report of fever/chills accompanied by mental confusion or difficulty concentrating <input type="checkbox"/> Reports of wound draining and rapid heart rate and weakness <input type="checkbox"/> Surgical incision dehiscence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Call 911 ~or~ <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation to ED confirmed <input type="checkbox"/> Support provided via phone until 911 personnel arrived <input type="checkbox"/> Contact MD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Home Health staff notified
	Risk Level: Potentially Urgent	Interventions Required	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Reports drainage & foul odor <input type="checkbox"/> Reports thick yellow or green pus <input type="checkbox"/> Reports redness or warmth around wound <input type="checkbox"/> Reports increase in drainage with odor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Make home visit <input type="checkbox"/> Contact MD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Home Health Staff notified
	<u>Risk Level: Non-urgent</u>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Reports increased drainage <input type="checkbox"/> Reports tenderness around wound 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinate care with primary nurse 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule on-site visit for next day <input type="checkbox"/> Follow-up phone call

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