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Simple Wound Care LES – clarification regarding post-operative wound review coding

Dear Colleagues,

Following queries raised regarding the **2026/27 Simple Wound Care LES specification**, we wanted to provide further clarification in relation to post-operative wound review activity.

The intention of the LES is that post-operative wound care activity should continue to be recorded using the existing wound care coding categories where wound care activity or a clinically appropriate intervention has been undertaken during the consultation, for example dressing change, wound cleaning, suture removal, clip removal or other specified wound care activity.

We recognise there may occasionally be instances where a wound assessment/review is carried out, and the consultation does not result in a procedural intervention. In these cases, practices may use the existing wound care coding available within the LES, including use of the current “change of dressing” code where it appropriately reflects the wound review activity undertaken during the consultation, including wound assessment, wound cleaning and associated consumables where applicable.

This clarification is intended to support a consistent approach to recording and reconciliation of wound care activity under the LES. Coding decisions should remain subject to clinical judgement and local record keeping standards.

As part of the in-year monitoring of activity the Primary Care team will continue to monitor specific code use types as part of quality assurance

Kind regards,



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