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TOWARDS THE CUTTING EDGE IN WOUND CARE



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Merely a Leak or is it a Failed Dressing?





Postoperative Dressing

- Lack of definitive evidence that applying a dressing to a closed incision reduces the incidence of surgical site infection although remains common practice and is advocated in SSI prevention guidelines. (WUWHS, 2016)
- Covered for 24 to 48 hours
- Which dressing?



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Failed Dressing





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Rationed Care

- Nursing care not performed or delayed due to lack of time or nursing resources
- Recognition of workload issues





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Language

Language is not neutral

Our world is constituted in our minds through language

Words can alter the way we understand and react to our world

Leak Vs Failure

