



CDI Topic of the Month-Wounds

Wound Documentation

Document:

Location of wounds

Laterality if appropriate

Presence of Admission Status, (POA)

Cause (Diabetic, PVD, Pressure injury)

Describe any skin breakdown, fat exposed, muscle necrosis, bone necrosis.

If it is a **Pressure Injury** Staging is required but can be taken from the Wound Ostomy Team Note.

*Documentation of wounds is an **HCC** and can affect physician reimbursement and Pay for Performance scores.

*Documentation of wounds affects quality measure scoring and my help exclude patients from readmission penalties.

If wounds are noted, but there is not a wound team assessment, the provider may want to place an order for a wound team consult.

Wound Team Note

The Wound Nurse notes are in Cerner under the **Notes** section



Interdisciplinary Documentation

Wound/Ostomy Team

New Cerner process : Wound Care will forward newly diagnosed or evolving stage Pressure Wound Notes to the Attending Physician for Co-Signature as an alert that there is a wound that needs to be documented.

These will be located in Documents to be Signed Folder in Cerner.

The wounds however, **still need to be documented in the Progress Notes** by the physician.

Diabetic wounds and any other type (except Pressure) are out of the scope of practice for wound nurses to accurately document.

It is the Physician's responsibility to examine & document cause & description of all Wounds.

References: Pinson, R. & Tang, C. 2016 CDI Pocket Guide, ACDIS
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