

## Surgical Wounds (M1340 and M1342)

*Surgical Wound	*Not a Surgical Wound
Dialysis cath exit sites or AV shunts	Pressure ulcer with a skin graft
Implanted infusion or venous access devices	I & D of abscess
I & D of abscess with a drain	Paracentesis
Wound with a drain even when drain removed	Traumatic laceration
Excision (even if described as an I&D)	PICC line
Shave, punch or excisional biopsy	Cardiac cath by needle puncture
Arthroscopy incisions	Thoracostomy (or any other ostomy)
ON-Q catheter sites	Retention suture
VP shunt	Burn with a skin graft
Pacemaker insertion site until epithelialized	
Repair of an internal trauma	

**Definitions:** (WOCN OASIS C Guidance 12/09)

### **Newly epithelialized**

- o wound bed completely covered with new epithelium
- o no exudate
- o no avascular tissue (eschar and/or slough)
- o no signs or symptoms of infection

### **Fully granulating**

- o wound bed filled with granulation tissue to the level of the surrounding skin
- o no dead space
- o no avascular tissue (eschar and/or slough)
- o no signs or symptoms of infection
- o wound edges are open

### **Early/partial granulation**

- o  $\geq 25\%$  of the wound bed is covered with granulation tissue
- o  $< 25\%$  of the wound bed is covered with avascular tissue (eschar and/or slough)
- o no signs or symptoms of infection
- o wound edges open

### **Not healing**

- o wound with  $\geq 25\%$  avascular tissue (eschar and/or slough) OR
- o signs/symptoms of infection OR
- o clean but non-granulating wound bed OR
- o closed/hyperkeratotic wound edges OR
- o persistent failure to improve despite appropriate comprehensive wound management

This guidance applies to surgical wounds closed by either primary intention (i.e. approximated incisions) or secondary intention (i.e. open surgical wounds).

\*The guidance in table is based on CMS Q and A updated 09/09.