

Acute Wound Closure for Health Professionals

Course Programme

0830-0900	Coffee and Registration
0900-0915	Introduction
0915-1000	Legal, ethical and professional considerations in wound care
1000-1030	Anatomy and physiology review- Group work
1030-1045	Coffee
1045-1145	Wound healing and factors affecting healing- Group work
1145-1230	Assessment of wounds
1230-1315	Lunch
1315-1400	Selecting closure methods
1400-1430	Irrigation, dressing and follow-up
1430-1445	Coffee
1445-1500	Local Anaesthesia inc. Lignocaine toxicity
1500-1515	Local Anaesthesia Infiltration Practical
1515-1700	Closure practical- steri-strips, tissue adhesive, staples and sutures
1700-1705	Close- Certificate of attendance sent electronically.
1705-1730	Portfolio development (if undertaking the steps for competency)

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Portfolio of Competence

CIPHER Medical to Provide

- Portfolio folder
- Supervision paperwork
- Sign off sheets

Length of Study

- Must attend the 1 day Acute Wound Care for Health Professionals
- To submit portfolio within 12 months from attendance of 1 day course

Entry Requirements

- Professional Registration
- Current Employment in Suitable Clinical Area- e.g. MIU, WIC, UCC, ED, Paramedic Practitioner etc.
- Managerial Support
- Practice mentor

Portfolio Element

- Demonstrate competent clinical assessment, including knowledge of A&P, of 12 acute wounds and identification of appropriate closure method where appropriate. (average 1 per month)
- Undertake a minimum of 12 competent wound closure episodes under supervision- 3 suturing, 3 stapling, 3 tissue adhesive and 3 steri-strip. (average 1 per month)
- Undertake a minimum of 6 competent local anaesthesia selection and infiltrations under supervision. (average 1 per 2 months)
- Provide 4 x 1000 word reflective pieces on wounds treated, minimum of 2 reflecting on acute wound closure using sutures and 1 reflection on a decision not to close a wound. (Qualitative- feedback only) (average 1 per 3 months)
- Sign off by student and practice mentor.