

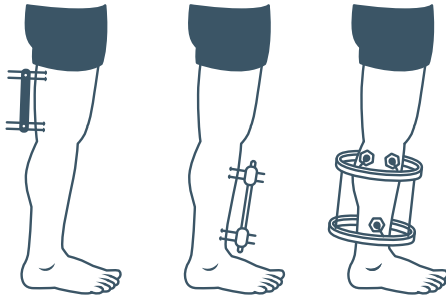
Limb reconstruction pin site care

Circular and monolateral frames

Silver dressing products — caregiver version



Orthopaedics



Stock required

- Dressing pack.
- Silver dressing.
- Clean scissors.
- Gloves.
- Sterile water.
- Cotton balls (Figure 1).

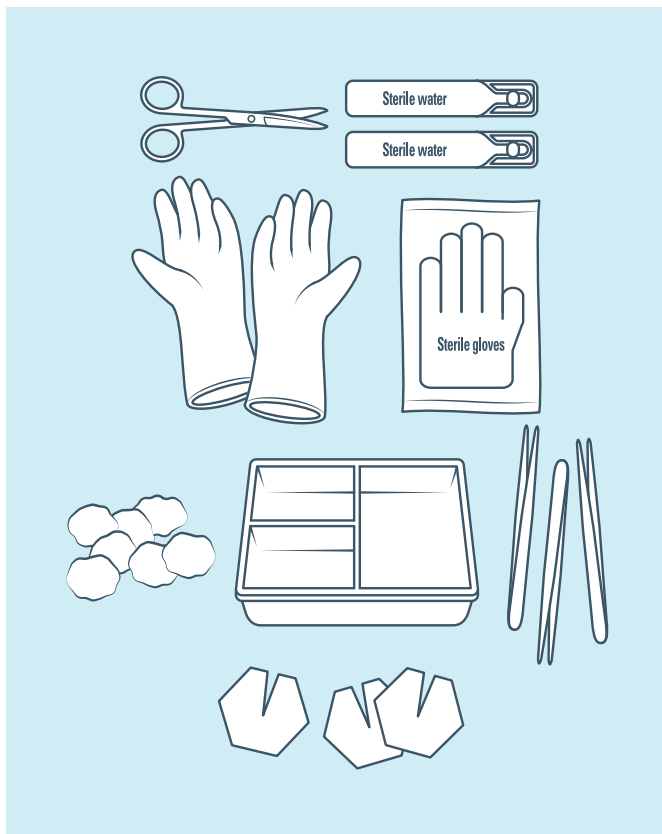


Figure 1

Procedure

- Wash hands.
- Open all sterile stock to be used.
- Pour water into tray — must use water due to silver dressing.
- Push rubber bung to top of wire and remove old dressings (Figure 2). Remove gloves.

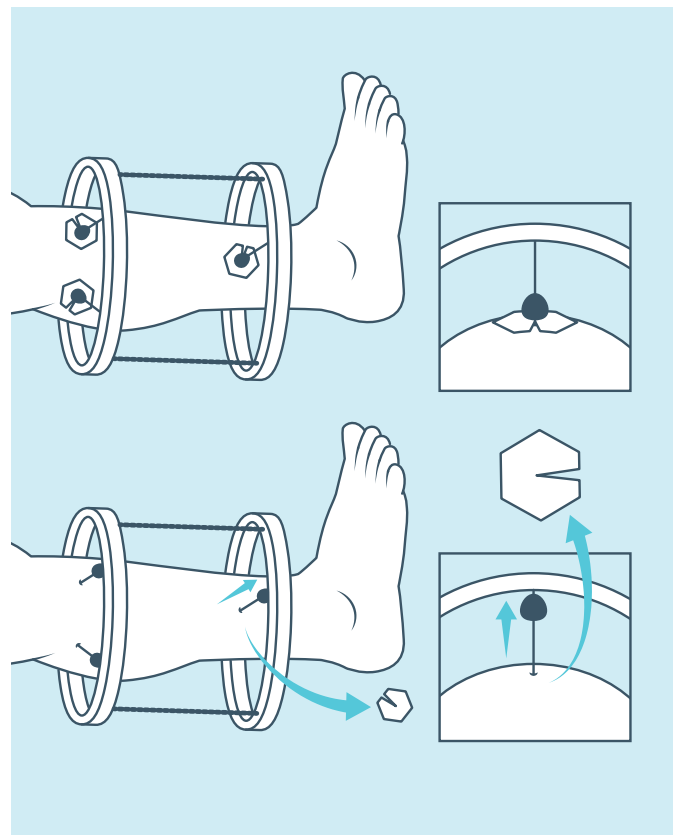


Figure 2

- Wash hands and put on gloves.

- Clean each pin site with a water soaked cotton swab. No attempt is made to remove scabs/crusts from skin. These will fall off when ready (Figure 3).

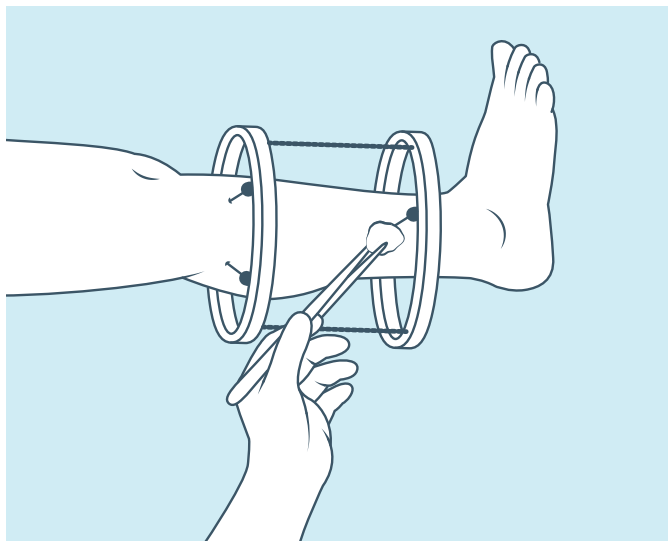


Figure 3

- Dress each pin site with the silver dressing product. Push the rubber stopper down firmly to the dressing (Figure 4).

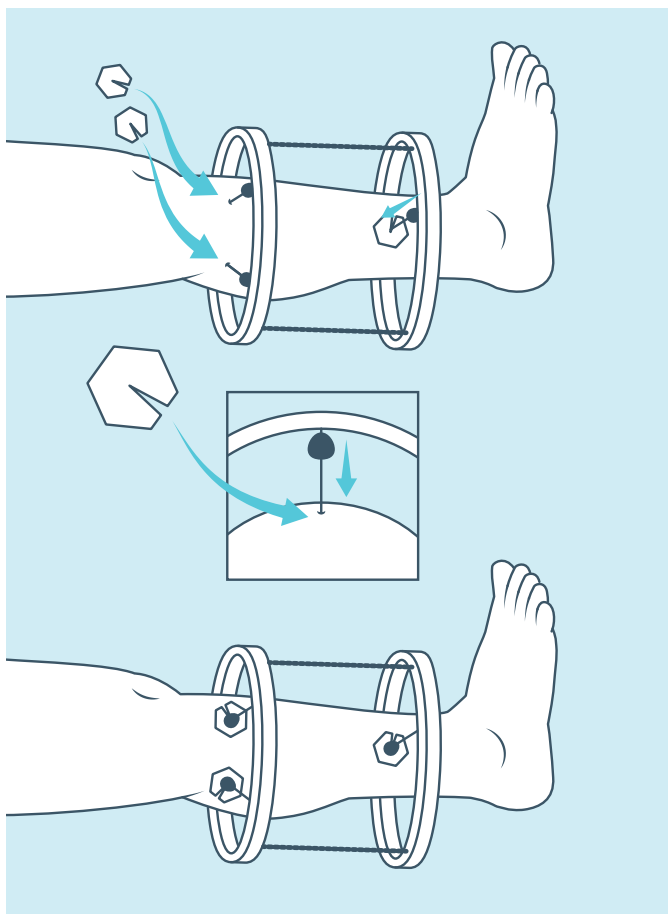


Figure 4

- The rubber stopper assists in keeping the dressing in place, and also providing pressure to prevent skin hypertrophy.
- Dress every 7-10 days or if any clinical concern.

Problems or queries

Limb Reconstruction Service

9345 7027 or via switchboard on 9345 5522 (Note if there is no answer, please refer to the ward or leave a message).

If you have an urgent query, page the orthopaedic registrar or the limb reconstruction fellow through the hospital switchboard, on (03) 9345 5522.

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