

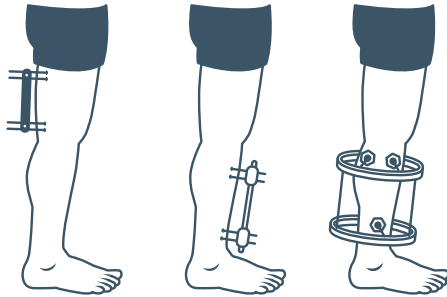
# Limb reconstruction pin site care

## Circular and monolateral frames

### Silver dressing products



## Orthopaedics



### Stock required

- Dressing pack.
- Acticoat Ex Fix Silver™ or Acticoat Site™.
- Clean scissors.
- Sterile gloves.
- Non-sterile gloves.
- Sterile water.
- 1 packet of cotton balls (Figure 1).

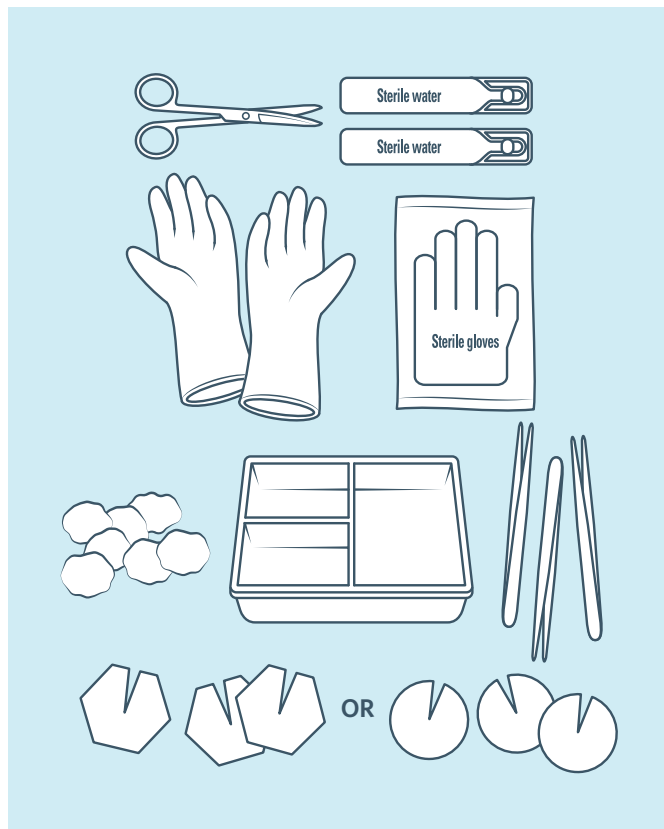


Figure 1

### Procedure

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

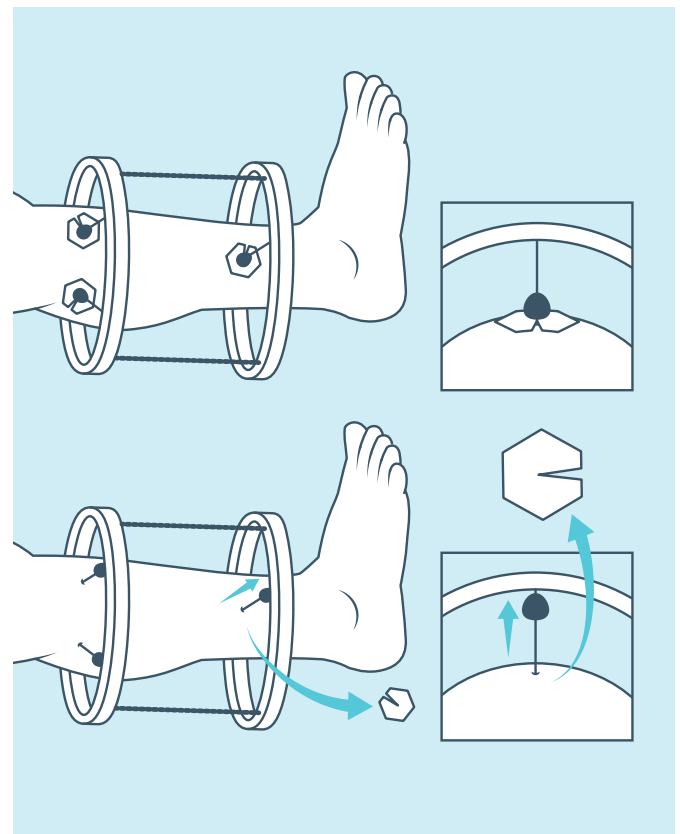


Figure 2

- Wash hands and put on sterile 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).

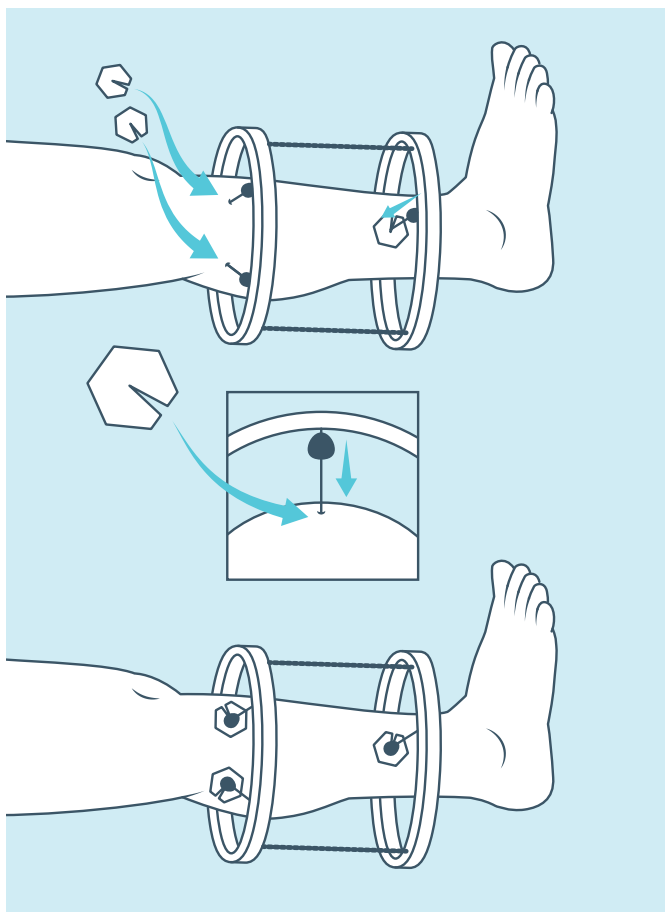


Figure 4

- 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 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**.

### Web

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