Limb reconstruction pin site care
Circular and monolateral frames
Silver dressing products

Stock required
- Dressing pack.
- Silver dressing.
- Clean scissors.
- Gloves.
- Sterile water.
- Cotton balls (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 gloves.
- Push rubber bung to top of wire and remove old dressings (Figure 2). Remove gloves.

Figure 2
- Wash hands and put on sterile gloves.

Figure 1
• 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).

• Dress each pin site with the silver dressing product. Push the rubber stopper down firmly to the dressing (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.

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