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).

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 1

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).

• 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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