Wound Check

Your wound appears healthy today. Your wound will heal gradually over time. Eventually a scar will form which fades with time.

WHAT EFFECTS SCAR FORMATION:

- People differ in the severity in which they scar.
- Scar severity varies according to location, size and the traits you inherited from your parents (*genetic predisposition*).
- Irritation to the wound from infection, rubbing or chemical exposure will increase the amount of scar formation.

HOME CARE INSTRUCTIONS

- If you were given a dressing, you should change it at least once a day or as instructed by your caregiver. If the bandage sticks, soak it off with a solution of hydrogen peroxide.
- If the bandage becomes wet, dirty, or develops a foul smell, change it as soon as possible.
- Look for signs of infection (see below).
- Only take over-the-counter or prescription medicines for pain, discomfort, or fever as directed by your caregiver.

SEEK IMMEDIATE MEDICAL CARE IF:

- There is redness, swelling, or increasing pain in the wound.
- Pus is coming from wound.
- An unexplained oral temperature above 101.5º F (38.6º C) develops.
- You notice a foul smell coming from the wound or dressing.

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