

# Erratum

In the Best Practice Recommendations for the Prevention and Management of Open Surgical Wounds, published in the Winter 2010 issue of *Wound Care Canada*, an error appeared in Table 3 (page 10). The correct table appears below. We apologize for this error.

TABLE 3

## Quick Reference Guide for the Prevention and Management of Open Surgical Wounds

Recommendation		Strength of evidence NICE /RNAO
<b>Cause</b>		
1	Complete a holistic assessment to identify factors that may affect surgical wound healing in the pre-operative, intra-operative and post-operative phases	NICE level 2+ RNAO level IV
2	Create a treatment plan to eliminate or reduce factors that may affect surgical wound healing in the pre-operative, intra-operative and post-operative phases of care	NICE level 2+ RNAO level IV
<b>Patient-centred concerns</b>		
3	Include the patient, family and/or caregiver as members of the team when developing care plans	NICE level 4 RNAO level IV
4	Educate the patient, family and/or caregiver to optimize surgical wound healing	RNAO level IV
<b>Local wound care</b>		
5	Assess the surgical wound and document findings using a standardized approach	RNAO level IV
6	Debride the surgical wound of necrotic tissue	RNAO level Ib
7	Rule out or treat a surgical site infection	NICE level 4 RNAO level IIa
8	Provide optimal local wound moisture balance to promote healing by choosing an appropriate dressing for the acute and chronic phases of surgical wound healing	NICE level 1+ RNAO level IV
<b>Re-evaluation</b>		
9	Determine the effectiveness of interventions and reassess if healing is not occurring at the expected rate. Assess the wound edge and rate of healing to determine if the treatment approach is optimal	RNAO level IV
10	Consider the use of adjunctive therapies and biologically active dressings	NPWT: RNAO level IV ES: RNAO level Ib HBOT: RNAO level IV
<b>Organizational concerns</b>		
11	Recognize that surgical wound healing requires a team approach	NICE level 4 RNAO level IV
12	Implement a surgical site surveillance program that crosses clinical setting boundaries	NICE level 4 RNAO level IV

ES = electrical stimulation

HBOT = hyperbaric oxygen therapy

NICE = National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence

NPWT = negative pressure wound therapy

RNAO = Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario