

## SFHCHS114

### Treat dermatological conditions by basic skin surgery



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#### Overview

This standard is about the performance of a range of surgical procedures for dermatological conditions. This standard will be relevant to minor surgical procedures undertaken for individuals, both adults and children who may be in-patients, in out-patient departments, in ambulatory settings and in general practice. This standard may be used in conjunction with generic clinical competences for administration of anaesthesia and for wound closure. It also includes the provision of advice and support on care of wound post-surgery. You will work within your agreed limits of authority, expertise, training and competence in relation to surgical techniques.

Users of this standard will need to ensure that practice reflects up to date information and policies

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### Performance criteria

*You must be able to:*

- P1 confirm theatre is prepared with correct infection control and other health and safety measures
- P2 confirm that correct surgical instruments are available
- P3 confirm that individual consent has been obtained for the procedure
- P4 confirm that correct anaesthesia or pain control agents have been administered and that the individual is in a suitable condition for surgery
- P5 assess the current nature and status of the individual's dermatological condition to inform the decision on type of procedure(s) to be performed
- P6 perform the relevant surgical procedure(s) in accordance with standard protocol
- P7 ensure that the individual is comfortable and safe throughout the surgical procedure
- P8 obtain suitable specimens, as required and ensure their correct labelling and storage for transport
- P9 ensure adequate haemostasis and manage surgical wound appropriately
- P10 confirm after care education and contact procedures

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### Knowledge and understanding

*You need to know and understand:*

- K1 the function, adverse effects, contra-indications and interaction problems associated with commonly prescribed pain relief and anaesthesia
- K2 procedures, guidelines and protocols associated with the management of dermatological conditions by surgical techniques
- K3 the range of surgical techniques and their application to specific dermatological conditions
- K4 the relevance of microbiology, immunology and the epidemiology of infection in dermatological care
- K5 the mechanics of transmission of infection in a surgical environment
- K6 effective individual education to ensure safe suture care and management of wound and skin post surgery
- K7 the type and methods of pain control and anaesthesia and their administration
- K8 the procedures and techniques associated with minor surgical procedures
- K9 the process of wound healing and factors which affect the healing process
- K10 your own level of competence, knowledge, authority and role expectations within the surgical environment

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### Additional Information

#### External links

This standard links with the following dimension within the NHS Knowledge and Skills Framework (October 2004):

Dimension: HWB6 Assessment and treatment planning

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