

About you

2. What is your current role?

- Clinical nurse consultant
- Care coordinator/clinical nurse
- Registered nurse
- Enrolled nurse
- Allied health
- Consultant surgeon
- Surgical fellow
- Other

3. How many years have you been in your profession

- <1 year
- >1 year and <3 years
- >3 years and <5 years
- >5 years and < 10 years
- >10 years and < 20 years
- >20 years

4. What is the postcode for your place of work?

About your area of practice

5. In which area are you currently primarily practicing?

- Outpatients department
- Cardiology specialty ward
- Paediatric ward
- Theatre
- Recovery
- PICU
- NICU
- Overarching service role
- N/A
- Other

6. How many cardiac surgical patients do you see each week? On average

If the ward or in clinic

- <1 patient
- >1 patient to <5 patients
- >5 patients to < 10 patients
- >10 patients to <20 patients
- > 20 patients

7. In terms of wound care, does your hospital have specific cardiac post-operative wound management guidelines?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

About the cardiac surgical pre-operative care where you work

8. At your centre, is a specific pre-operative skin assessment undertaken?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

9. Where is this undertaken

- Outpatients department
- Admissions lounge
- Ward
- Unsure
- Other

10. When is this undertaken?

- Pre-operatively in pre-admission visit
- On the day of surgery
- Unsure
- Option 4

11. Do you use a list/tool for wound risk assessment either pre or post operatively?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure
- Option 4

12. Does the tool have a specific name?

13. Does the tool include a score?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

14. What is the name of the tool used to score?

Skin preparation

15. Does your centre have a plan of care for pre-operative skin preparation

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

16. Does your centre have a pre-operative washing plan?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

17. When do these washes occur?

- The night prior to surgery
- The day of surgery
- Unsure
- Other

18. What washing agent is used for pre-operative washes?

- Soap and water
- Chlorhexide solution added to wash water
- Impregnated sponge
- Unsure
- Other

19. Do you use antibacterial wipes as a part of the pre-operative skin preparation regime?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

20. Is this in addition to pre-operative washes?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure
- Option 4
- Other

21. Does your centre prescribe prophylactic antibacterial topical ointments?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

22. What agent is used?

- Murpirocin ointment
- Unsure
- Other

23. Application method

24. Where is it applied?

- Nasally
- Unsure
- Other

25. When is it applied

- 3 days pre-op
- 2 days pre-op
- 1 day pre-op
- Day of surgery
- Post-operatively
- Unsure
- Other

26. On the day of surgery, what are patients clothed in?

- Own clothes/PJ's
- Hospital gown/PJ's
- Unsure
- Other

27. Does pre-operative care at your centre include additional bedding changes for inpatients?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

28. When is bedding changed?

- The night prior to surgery
- The day of surgery
- Unsure

Relevant intra-operative information

29. What skin solution is primarily used in theatre?

- Povidine iodine in water
- Povidine iodine in alcohol
- Chlorhexidine in water
- Chlorhexidine in alcohol
- Unsure

30. Following chest closure, what type of dressing is applied in theatre?

If unsure, please enter "unsure"

31. In the event of open chest without skin closure, what type of dressing is applied in theatre?

If unsure, please enter "unsure"

Post-operative care

32. Who is primarily responsible for managing post-operative wound surveillance? (more than one box may be chosen)

- Consultant surgeon
- Surgical fellows
- Surgical nursing team (NP, CNC/CNS, CN, RN)
- Departmental nursing team (PICU, NICU, Ward)
- Unsure
- Other

33. How frequently is post-operative wound surveillance performed?

- As required
- When departments report a concern
- Daily
- More frequently
- Unsure
- Other

34. Please outline your practice for routine dressing change removal

35. On what day post-operatively are dressings removed?

36. If dressings are to be removed after the patient has been discharged from hospital where does this occur?

In post op surgical review clinic

At the local GP

Unsure

Other

37. If the dressing is removed at another location do you ask for photos of the wound to be routinely sent to you?

Yes

No

Unsure

38. If sutures are used, who are sutures removed by? (more than one box may be chosen)

- Surgical medical team
- Surgical nursing team
- Bedside nurses
- GP's, paediatricians or local hospital
- NA (dissolvable sutures are used)
- Other

39. If sutures are used, on what day post-operatively are they removed?

Identification and escalation pathway

Indications for concern regarding wound healing or potential infection

40. Do you use a check list/tool for assessment of wound healing?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

41. What is the name of the tool?

42. When you are concerned about a wound, who is responsible for dressing changes?

- Bedside nursing team
- Surgical nursing team
- Surgical fellows
- Consultant surgeons
- Unsure
- Other

43. Who is responsible for taking wound swabs?

- Bedside nursing team
- Surgical nursing team
- Surgical fellows
- Consultant surgeon
- Unsure
- Other

44. What wound cleansing solution does your centre use?

- Saline
- Chlorhexidine
- Povidine/iodine
- Unsure
- Other

45. What % solution is used?

46. Are topical agents used on the wound or surrounding skin?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

47. Name of agent used

48. Is your infections diseases (ID) team involved in wound infection management in your centre?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

49. Please describe ID team involvement

50. Do you use photos of wounds to aid in wound management?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

51. Are these uploaded into the electronic record?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure
- Other

52. Do you use a wound specific program or app for photos to be stored

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

Treating wound infections

53. Does your centre collect wound infection data in a database?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

54. Does your centre use specified definitions to describe wound infections?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

Antibiotic decision making

55. The decision to start antibiotics is led by

- PICU, NICU or ward medical team
- Surgical fellows
- Consultant surgeons
- Infectious diseases team
- Unsure
- Other

56. When are antibiotics usually started?

- When the wound looks red
- If the wound has exudate
- If the patient is febrile or showing other clinical signs of infection
- When wound swabs are positive for organisms
- Unsure
- Other

57. Are topical applications used on infected wounds?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

58. Name of topical application

If unsure, please write "unsure"

Wound healing education

59. Do you/your hospital provide information/education on cardiac wound care for families?

- Yes, verbally as a part of the discharge planning
- Yes, in the form of written education information
- No
- Unsure

60. Please specify the format of the written education information

- Paper handouts
- Information to access information on your hospital's website
- Information to access on an external website
- Unsure
- Other

61. Have you ever received wound management training?

- Yes
- No

62. How long ago did you do wound management training?

In years

63. Would you like to?

Yes

No

Longer term scar surveillance / management

64. In your opinion, how important is ongoing scar intervention following cardiac surgery?

- Not important
- A little bit important
- A bit important
- Quite important
- Extremely important

65. At your centre, is education regarding longer-term scar management routinely provided?

- Yes, verbal education
- Yes, written handout
- No
- Unsure

66. What recommendations are routinely provided by your service with regard to scar prevention (tick any that apply)?

- Moisturising cream applied more than 5 times per day
- Moisturising cream applied less than 5 times per day
- Sun protection
- Scar massage
- Silicone gel applied 1-2 times per day
- Silicone sheeting applied as per product guidelines
- Scar taping
- Other
- None of the above
- Unsure

67. Does your team use a specific scar assessment tool for ongoing surveillance of scar outcome?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

68. What is the name of the tool utilised?

If unsure, please write "unsure"

69. How often is the tool completed?

If unsure, please write "unsure"

70. What factors/symptoms would trigger a referral for scar management?

If unsure, please write "unsure"

71. What proportion of patients/children are referred for ongoing scar interventions?

- 0-24%
- 25-49%
- 50-74%
- 75-100%
- Unsure

72. Is the referral for?

- Conservative management: including creams, gels, and injections
- Surgical management such as scar revisions?
- Unsure
- Other

Additional comments

73. We welcome any additional comments below. We are particularly interested in information related to your clinical experience and practice in this area. Your responses will be anonymous.

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