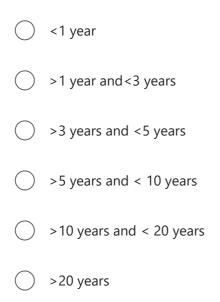
About you

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



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

 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 postoperative wound management guidelines?

\bigcirc	Yes
\bigcirc	No
\bigcirc	Unsure

About the cardiac surgical pre-operative care where you work

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



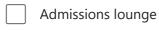
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9. Where is this undertaken



Outpatients department



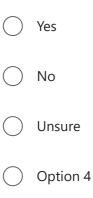
Ward



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?



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





🔵 Unsure

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



)	Unsure

17. When do these washes occur?

The night prior to surgery
The day of surgery
Unsure



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?



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

\bigcirc	Yes
\bigcirc	No
\bigcirc	Unsure
\bigcirc	Option 4
\bigcirc	Other

- 21. Does your centre prescribe prophylactic antibacterial topical ointments?
 -) Yes

) No

) Unsure

22. What agent is used?

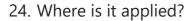


Murpirocin ointment



) Other

23. Application method





🔵 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

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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

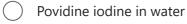


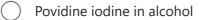
The day of surgery

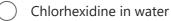
Unsure

Relevant intra-operative information

29. What skin solution is primarily used in theatre?









Chlorhexindine 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 surge
Surgical fellows

ultant surgeon

Surgical nursing	g team	(NP,	CNC/CNS,	CN,	RN)

Departmental	nursing tear	m (PICI)	NICU	Ward)
Departmentai	nursning teur	11 (1100,	nuco,	vvara)

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?

\bigcirc	Yes
\bigcirc	No
\bigcirc	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?



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?

YesNoUnsure

47. Name of agent used

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

) Unsure

49. Please describe ID team involvement

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

Yes

) Unsure

51. Are these uploaded into the electronic record?

\bigcirc	Yes	
\bigcirc	No	
\bigcirc	Unsure	
-		

Other

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



) Unsure

Treating wound infections

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



) No

) Unsure

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

\bigcirc	Yes	
\bigcirc	No	

) Unsure

Antibiotic decision making

Other

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.	Whe	en 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

57. Are topical applications used on infected wounds?

Yes

) Unsure

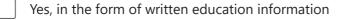
58. Name of topical application If unsure, please write "unsure"

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



	No		
\square	Unsure		

60. Please specify the format of the written education information

\bigcirc	Paper handouts			
\bigcirc	Information to access information on your hospital's website			
\bigcirc	Information to access on an external website			
\bigcirc	Unsure			
\bigcirc	Other			
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O Yes

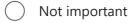
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\bigcirc	No

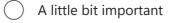
62. How long ago did you do wound management training? In years

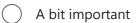
- 63. Would you like to?
 - O Yes
 - 🔵 No

Longer term scar surveillance / management

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

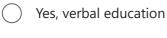








- Extremely important
- 65. At your centre, is education regarding longer-term scar management routinely provided?





) 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?

\bigcirc	Yes	
\bigcirc	No	

) Unsure

68. What is the name of the tool utilised?

If unsure, please write "unsure"

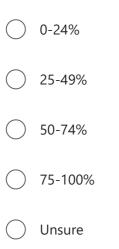
69. How often is the tool completed?

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?



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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