

# Guidelines for Treating Shallow, Dry Wounds

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## Goals:

- To maintain or create moist wound surface

## Treatment:

Obtain a physician order:

1. Use Standard Precautions
2. Clean wound with Normal Saline or with a Dermal Wound Cleanser for infected wounds. (Follow manufacturer instructions if using a Dermal Wound Cleanser)
3. Pat dry
4. Hydrate with a hydrogel
5. Apply a foam dressing (product examples include Polymen or Allevyn)
6. Change every 3-7 days
7. Document per agency guidelines

***\* Note: These are wound care guidelines only. Consult with the primary physician for specific orders.***

