

# South West Yorkshire Joint Wound Management Formulary Group

## Wound Care Top Tips Bulletin Six

### Repeat Prescribing

Do not prescribe dressings as long term repeat item. Add a review date or give on acute prescription.

#### **Rationale**

Wounds and therefore dressing types usually change over time. Review need before prescribing.

Remove dressings from repeat if not issued for three months.

#### **Rationale**

Good prescription housekeeping and reduces the chance of incorrect dressings being issued.

Query **large** size dressings on repeat

#### **Rationale**

Larger dressings are usually significantly more expensive than smaller sizes. Most wounds should ideally reduce in size.



### Quantity

Query quantities over **10 units/month**.

#### **Rationale**

Most dressings stay in place for **3-5 days** except on infected wounds. Multiple wound sites will require larger quantities of dressings.

Encourage prescribers to write a frequency.

#### **Rationale**

This will give an idea about how much is needed.

Prescribe the actual number of dressings rather than "1OP"

#### **Rationale**

Some dressings come in large packs and a full box is often not needed.



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