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Questions & Answers from April 1, 2014

Session 5

Q1: How is a pressure ulcer removed? It may be covered by flap but how is it surgical wound if no flap?

A1: It was a surgical excision of tissue damaged by pressure.

Q2: Was I&D of an abscess listed on both slides for surgical and non-surgical wound?

A2: An abscess when surgical excised is considered a surgical wound however an abscess that is drained through incision is not a surgical wound.

Q3: Is a g/tube a surgical wound?

A3: The only time an ostomy would be a surgical wound is for the takedown or reversal. Otherwise ostomies are excluded. Ostomies, other than bowel ostomies, (e.g., tracheostomy, thoracostomy, urostomy) ARE considered to be skin lesions or open wound if clinical interventions (e.g., cleansing, dressing changes) are being provided by the home health agency during the home health care episode.

Q4: In your example about the Jp drain...what if it was a Penrose drain? Surgical or not?

A4: Yes. It is surgical as all wounds with drains are included.

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