**Wound Management ZONES**

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| **GREEN ZONE** | **ALL CLEAR (GOAL)*** Wound is free of:
* Swelling
* Pain
* Odor
* Skin around the wound is normal color or slightly red
* Drainage is clear, light yellow, or pink
* Temperature by mouth is 98.6° or lower
 | **Doing Great!*** Your wound is healing well
* Actions:
	+ Keep caring for wound as instructed
	+ Take medicines as ordered
	+ Keep all medical appointments
	+ Eat foods high in protein and vitamin C, unless contraindicated
	+ Drink plenty of fluids
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| **YELLOW ZONE** | **WARNING****If you have any of the following:*** Wound has:
* Swelling
* Redness
* Slight odor
* Increased pain at wound site but not constant or severe
* Drainage is yellow, green, or looks like “pus” and soaking through bandage
* Temperature by mouth is between 98.7° and 100.4°
 | **Act Today!*** Your treatment may need to be changed
* Actions:
* **Call** **your** **home health clinician**

*(agency’s phone number)** + **Or call your doctor**

*(doctor’s phone number)* |
| **RED ZONE** | **EMERGENCY****If you have any of the following:*** Swelling around the wound 1/8 inch or higher than the wound
* Wound pain is constant and severe
* Skin around wound is bright red
* Wound odor is strong and foul
* Temperature by mouth is 100.5° or higher
 | **Act NOW!*** You need to be seen right away
* Actions:
	+ **Call your doctor**

*(doctor’s phone number)** **Or call your** **home health clinician**

*(agency’s phone number)** **Or call 911 if this is an emergency.** Notify your home health clinician if you go to the emergency room or are hospitalized.
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*This is a modified version of a tool from HomePlus in Elkins, WV. References: Baranoski & Ayello,* 2008*; Hinkle & Cheever,* 2018; *Sussman & Bates-Jensen,* 2010*;* [*Wound Source*](http://www.woundsource.com/blog/8-signs-wound-infection)*,* 2016

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