**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. |

*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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