

REST HAVEN – YORK WOUND PHOTO DOCUMENTATION

Purpose: To document selected wounds on residents at Rest Haven – York in order to help direct their wound care.

Policy: Wound photographs will be taken by a wound team member under specific circumstances and stored on the Rest Haven – York computer system and in Medical Records.

Procedure:

1. Photographs of selected wounds may be taken in the following circumstances using the wound team's camera:
 - Any wound present on admission to the facility or identified within 24 hours of admission
 - Any pressure ulcer that has developed at the facility
 - Any significant wound or skin condition as determined by the Wound Manager or Wound Team
 - Any deteriorating wound
2. Images will be downloaded from the Wound Team's camera and stored in a specific wound photo file on the Rest Haven computer system by the Wound Manager or the WOC Nurse and on CD to be stored in Medical Records.
3. At least one photo per resident may be taken with a wound measuring guide in the field, marked with the date and the resident's initials.
4. Photos may be e-mailed to the resident's physician or other care providers as required (e.g. wound center) following HIPPA guidelines.
5. Residents or their family members have the right to photograph a wound. Licensed staff should graciously assist them in this process as required.
6. A resident has the right to refuse to have his/her wound photo taken.