

Documentation Tip



Debridement

The following are important documentation tips and strategies for this procedure.

- Documentation of debridement needs to be descriptive enough to create a clear picture of procedure performed. Documentation should include:
 - Location of wound
 - Method of debridement:
 - Excisional – The surgical removal or cutting away of devitalized tissue, necrosis, or slough. It involves the use of a scalpel or scissors to remove devitalized tissue.
 - Nonexcisional – Brushing, irrigating, scrubbing, or washing of devitalized tissue, necrosis, slough, or foreign material. The use of a Versajet is an example of a nonexcisional debridement.
 - Type of instrument used
 - Depth of debridement: Skin, Subcutaneous Tissue, Fascia, Muscle, Bone
 - Specify if debridement extended outside or beyond the wound margins