



This standard of practice is to support the PSW in providing safe, respectful, and effective personal care to the public population in a dignified and ethical approach. Standards of Practice outline the expectations of the PSW and their responsibility in the delivery of care.

Wound Care

There is a very wide range of types of dressings that a PSW may encounter with person(s). Depending on the type of dressing that has been ordered for the person(s), the appearance, care and maintenance of the dressing may vary, but all dressings should be kept clean.

Depending on the complexity of the wound or the type of care the wound needs, PSW may be asked to assist an RHP in the positioning of the person(s) for a dressing change or even be asked to assist in the actual performance of dressing changes. This will be directed to the PSW by the RHP.

All dressings will be noted in the Plan of Care as to the site and type of dressing. If the RHP feels the simple dressing change can be done by a PSW, then delegation will be given to the PSW by the RHP.

PSW – Personal Support Worker

RN/RPN – Registered Nurse/ Registered Practical Nurse

RHPA – Regulated Health Professions Act

Resources - Sheila A. Sorrentino, PhD, RN, Leighann Remmert, MS, RN and Mary J. Wilk, RN, GNC(C), BA, BScN, MN, Mosby's Canadian Textbook for the Support Worker, 3rd Edition