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INSTRUCTIONS AFTER DRAINAGE OF AN ABSCESS

You need to be seen about 1 week after your operation or sooner if there is an issue.

Ring Fitzpatrick House on 51444555 to make or check that an appointment has been made.

An abscess is a pus filled cavity which has been opened and foul smelling dead tissue or pus removed and the cavity debrided.

You will need antibiotics to continue on discharge from hospital and initially daily dressing care.

The aim of dressing care is to wash out any residual cavity each day with antiseptic or saline and keep the abscess cavity open so that it can heal from within outwards.

Each day you or the nursing service will need to change any material packed into the wound and apply antiseptic along with a new clean sterile dressing.

The need for daily dressing changes will become less as the cavity becomes clean and reduces in size. Dressing frequency will then be changed to second daily or longer intervals dependent on improvement and healing of the abscess.

Unfortunately in a small number of situations abscesses can reform despite good medical and nursing care.

**IF A PROBLEM OCCURS,
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OR GO TO ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY AT A PUBLIC HOSPITAL**