

**Michigan**  
**COMMUNITY INTEGRATED PARAMEDICINE**  
**Treatment Protocol**  
**WOUND CARE**

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*This protocol is for trained CIP Paramedics only. If during assessment, procedure, or treatment the patient is found to have a medical emergency in need of hospital treatment, the CIP visit will be suspended, and local MCA protocols utilized.*

**Purpose:** To provide additional guidelines beyond the CIP General Assessment and Care for evaluating, caring for and educating patients with wounds.

Aliases:

- I. Follow **CIP Patient General Assessment and Care protocol**
- II. Obtain additional vital signs, history, and diagnostics pertinent to condition and/or as ordered by physician which may include:
  - a. Vitals/physical assessment:

- i. Categorize, stage and measure wound when applicable

Stage	Description
<b>Stage I</b>	Non-blanchable erythema of intact skin
<b>Stage II</b>	Partial thickness skin loss; ulcer extends down to epidermis and/or dermis
<b>Stage III</b>	Full thickness skin loss; ulcer extends down to subcutaneous fat and fascia
<b>Stage IV</b>	Full thickness skin loss with extensive destruction and tissue necrosis; ulcer extends down to muscle, bone, tendon, or joint capsule

- ii. Location and extent of skin changes
      - iii. Redness, drainage, weeping, ascending redness, warmth of skin, tract formation
      - iv. Presence of pain
    - b. History:
      - i. Mechanism and duration of wound
  - III. On scene medication administration may include:
    - a. Use of approved MCA protocols and medications up to the extent of standard paramedic treatment according to protocol.
  - IV. On-scene interventions may include:
    - a. ☒ Suture Removal **see CIP Suture Removal protocol** (optional)
    - b. Decontamination and cleansing of wound
    - c. Wound closure utilizing wound closure strips
    - d. Wound dressing
  - V. On-scene education and suggested support sources may include:
  - VI. Counsel/Educate
    - a. ADL precautions
    - b. Self-administered wound care



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