STANDARDIZED PROCEDURE
AUTOGRAFT AND ALLOGRAFT APPLICATION

These procedures are intended to describe procedures performed by Nurse Practitioners and/or Certified Nurse Midwives (depending on the clinical privileges granted to the individual practitioner) *at UC San Diego Health.*

Policy

a. Midlevel practitioner may perform these duties under the supervising physician may preform autograft and allograft attachment
b. Setting- operating room, inpatient and clinic care
c. Supervision – attending physician

Protocol

Data Base

- Assess wound after debridement prior to autograft or allograft application and the goals are to minimize graft loss and enhance cosmetic and functional outcomes.
- Obtain informed consent from the patient or family after explained risks and benefits of procedure.

Action

- Under the direct supervision of the attending physician the midlevel practitioner will ensure properly debrided wound bed and remove non-viable tissue with complete hemostasis.
- With dermal elements toward wound bed the midlevel practitioner will arrange auto graft or allograft in symmetrical manner over opened wound bed.
- The midlevel practitioner will approximate edges of wound bed with minimal overlap.
- With an appropriate fastening devise including suture material, skin glue, steri-strips and staples the midlevel practitioner will attach the auto graft or allograft to the wound bed in a secure manner.
- The midlevel practitioner will assist in the securing of all surgical sites with appropriate dressing materials.

Record keeping

- Procedure will be documented in progress note or surgical operative note.

Consultation

- Referral to physician or specialty clinician: conditions for which the diagnosis and or treatment are beyond the scope of the midlevel practitioner's knowledge and or skill, or for those conditions that require consultation.

RESPONSIBILITY

Please contact the Advanced Practice Council if you need help. The administrative assistant for the Chief Nursing Officer can direct you. Call; 619-543-3438

HISTORY OF POLICY

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