
Donor Site Management

- The donor site is the resultant area from which skin is harvested for a graft.
- At VABS it is post operatively, primarily dressed with xeroform.
- Clients can shower as soon as the grafts are stable. The secondary gauze layer can be removed and the xeroform showered directly.
- Xeroform stays in place for 10 – 14 days with the expectation of a healed wound bed on removal.
- On removal with xeroform there may be a slight resistance. STOP if there is more and especially if bleeding occurs. Trim back loose xeroform. Re-dress with gauze and secure, re attempt removal with the next dressing.
- Once the xeroform is removed, a water based moisturiser can be applied to keep the area supple. VABS uses Sorbolene.
- When donor site healing is complete, follow the 'post burn skin care' information as detailed on the Vicburns website. <http://www.vicburns.org.au>.

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