

Hand and Plastic Day Surgery Unit

# Dressing and Wound Care Advice

## Information for patients

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- All dressings should remain untouched until your Dressing Clinic or Practice Nurse appointment, unless specific instructions are given by your surgeon or the nursing staff
- Contact the Dressing Clinic or the Plastic Surgery Ward (telephone numbers are on the back of this leaflet) if you have any of the following:
  - Redness or swelling around the operation site
  - Excessive pain that is not controlled by painkillers
  - A raised temperature or a fever/feeling unwell
  - A large amount of discharge or bleeding through the dressing
  - Any other symptoms which you are concerned about
- If you have a drain in your wound, you must check the drain site regularly for any of the above symptoms. Empty the drain as instructed prior to discharge and record drainage on the chart provided



## Plastic Dressing Clinic

Tel: **0113 392 3628** (Monday - Friday, 8.00am - 4.00pm)

Appointments: **0113 392 3668 / 0113 392 3450**

Outside these hours (Ward L22): **0113 392 7422 / 0113 392 7522**

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