



## GUIDELINES FOR SMALL SKIN TEARS, BRUISES, AND SCRAPES

NOTE: You **must** fill out an Incident Report Form [as of the first week in April, 2010, initiate & complete the Incident in the Risk Management section of Point Click Care] and follow all the Incident Instructions & Reporting guidelines, if the injury is **larger than 3 cm**, reflective of **possible Abuse**, or if the **appropriate treatment requires an intervention by the M.D./Practitioner (Fax, Call or appt.)**.

1. Skin tears, bruises and scrapes 3 cm. (the size of a 50 cent coin) or smaller do **not** require an Incident Form to be filled out unless the injury is in a location or pattern in which you would suspect Abuse or Neglect.
2. For these small injuries you must do the following:
  - A. Provide the appropriate treatment from Standing Orders for Wound/Skin Care.
  - B. Start the appropriate CMFS (Clinical Monitoring Flow Sheet).
  - C. Make sure the injury and treatment/follow up is communicated to all involved staff (Point Click Care Message and 24 hour log, verbal report, and communication book, etc.).
  - D. Document injury & treatment/monitoring information in Point Click Care.
  - E. Record on Skin Issue/ Bruise Tracking Log and notify Nurse Manager ASAP so any patterns can be assessed & documented.
3. You do **not** need to Fax the M.D. or Nurse Practitioner on these small injuries unless there is a change in Resident or wound condition.
4. You do **not** need to call the family **unless** family has requested to be notified or it is common knowledge they would want to be notified of all changes/injuries. **(Always choose to give a courtesy call to family if in doubt.)**