

3 Topic Guide for development of a measure of practical wound management (A5)

Background, interviewee details and ice breaker

- Interviewee background and details of procedure that the interviewee has had (type of procedure elective or emergency? have you had before?, when, where, length of stay in hospital, recovery period).
 - *Just to give me some background, can you just tell me a little bit about the procedure that you had, the surgical procedure?*
 - *How have you been, in terms of recovery? Length of stay? When came home?*
 - *Is this your first?*

Expectations/experiences of wound care

- *Did/do you have any expectations about whether or not you would have a dressing? Where do you think these expectations came from?*
- *What kind of dressing? When did they take it off? [home/hospital?] Same one? How did you find having the dressing? Why do you think you had/did not have a dressing? Do you think it had any impact on your wound healing?*
- *Why do you think they do/don't use dressings?*
- *Thoughts/reactions to **alternative** wound management methods (i.e. dressing or no dressing in relation to what patient has experienced/what patient expects). (Explore patient thoughts on impact this may have on previously mentioned issues (e.g. recovery, symptoms, practicalities).*

Patient perspectives on a trial of dressing type

Okay, the basis of this study is like I said, we're trying to find out if dressing the wounds is helpful or not. In a study, patients would be randomly allocated by chance to either receive dressings or receive no dressings. The doctor wouldn't decide and the patient wouldn't decide. What we're trying to find out is, in patients who have had a similar type of surgery, if we have one group of patients that have them on so and another group of patients that don't, then can we compare them to see if there's any difference between the groups.

- *Do you think you would participate? (Reasons why/why not? Any reservations?)*
- *Can you imagine your family and/or friends would participate in a study like this?*
- *What kinds of things do you think you might consider, when deciding whether or not to take part? Do you think you would have any questions about the study? What kind of things might you want to know about in advance?*
- *How do you think you would feel about random allocation to dressing type, specifically the possibility of receiving no wound dressing? [explain randomisation to patients, then ask...] If you were in a group that didn't receive a dressing, do you think you would have thought about your care differently?*
- *In paediatrics, they don't use dressings. Changes impression?*
- *What about a glue dressing?*
- *Can you think of any potential problems we might come across if we were doing this study, any practical problems or any difficulties we might come across?*
- *Perspectives on important outcomes to include in a trial of dressing use. We would like this study to help us answer the question of whether dressings should be used in patients such as yourself (and if so, what type of dressing is best). What do you think are the important factors we should consider when making any future recommendations on dressing use? Satisfaction? Infection? Healing times?*

Closing

- Summarise key points
- Any further questions?
- Thank patient for their time and explain how they have helped.