

Wound Care

Royal District Nursing Service (RDNS) offers a comprehensive range of wound care services across Melbourne and the Mornington Peninsula.

The need for expert wound care in the community is considerable. In 2006/07, approximately 13,600 people were admitted for RDNS' home nursing care following surgery in hospital. And leg ulcers alone accounted for 14 per cent of diagnoses by number of occurrences in 2006/07.

Typically, RDNS nurses treat a variety of wounds including acute surgical wounds, leg ulcers, burns, and pressure related wounds.

RDNS' wound care services have been carefully developed through education, research, networking and communication throughout our 20 locations. Our services are supported by a specialist team of Clinical Nurse Consultants – specialising in wound care - that work in consultation with wound resource nurses, general nursing staff, the client, and their carer to ensure the client receives appropriate care at home.

Their clinical practice is supported by RDNS' Clinical Leadership Group (CLG) in wound care, which contributes to better client outcomes by promoting a best practice culture in the provision of wound care services within RDNS. The CLG researches and responds to questions from RDNS nurses relating to wound care; reviews new wound care products and assists with developing procedures to ensure RDNS' wound care service is based on verified evidence.

Further, clinical practice in wound care is supported by the RDNS Helen Macpherson Smith Institute of Community Health, which offers wound care courses and workshops to staff to ensure their wound care is of the highest possible standard.

Wound care at RDNS was developed to maintain links with community services, referral sources and peak bodies. The Clinical Nurse Consultants work closely with healthcare providers and referral sources such as general practitioners, surgeons and podiatrists.

As an additional service to RDNS' wound care clients, we operate assessment and treatment clinics at Rosebud and Box Hill. The clinics were opened in response to community demand, and offer an extra degree of flexibility and convenience for independently mobile clients able to visit the clinic.

For more information please call 1300 33 44 55.