**Select Template:** Wound care – Open Wound Community Care

**How I Might Feel and What to Do:**

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| **Status** | **How I am Feeling** | **What to do** |
| Expected |  |  |
| Worrisome | Signs and symptoms of wound infection: **redness, pus, foul odour, pain, warm to touch, wound opening**. | -Contact your surgeon |
| Emergency | High fever, chills, wound edges fully separate; heavy bleeding; large amounts of pus | Go to emergency |

**Changes to My Routine:**

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| **Activity** | **Instruction** |
| Wound care – community care of open wound | You and your family/caregiver will meet with the hospital Toronto Central LHIN Care Coordinator, your nurse, your surgical team, to assess your care needs and community services available.  Ambulatory nursing clinic for wound dressing changes are preferred. However, a community nurse will come to your home if you are not able to get to an ambulatory nursing clinic [date].  Obtain some wound care supplies from hospital prior to discharge.  Your recommended wound care treatment is [give instructions including frequency, cleansing solution, products and cover dressings]. |