Wet to Dry Dressing Change Remediation

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When preparing to complete a sterile wet to dry dressing change, it is very important to not have any breaks when opening the sterile dressings. Potter and Perry (2013) state, “You must open sterile packages without contaminating the contents” (p.423). When opening the ABD pad during check off, the package was accidently opened towards the body and the ABD pad fell off of the sterile field. Potter and Perry (2013) state, “To open a small sterile item, hold the package in your nondominant hand while opening the top flap and pulling it away from you” (p.423). Maintaining sterile field during a sterile dressing change is the most important part of the procedure. If sterile field is broken at any time, the patient may develop complications, such as infection. If the patient develops a nosocomial infection, the hospital will have increased costs due to “Medicare and Medicaid Services ceasing additional payment for hospitalizations resulting in complications deemed preventable, including several health care-associated infections” (Lee et al, 2012).
References
