

# Guidance: Skin and soft tissue lesions/wounds - abscesses, sinus, wart v1 April 2023

<b>TVN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Referral form on EPR</li></ul>
<b>GP / DOCTOR</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Refer patient to GP/ ward doctor for initial review</li><li>• Follow guidance as per steps below</li></ul>
<b>TREAT Abscess</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consider taking a wound swab if discharging pus, clean site first before swabbing</li><li>• Gently clean site and surrounding skin with Prontosan solution</li><li>• Apply protective dressing absorbent pad or foam dressing depending on level of discharge (Mepore pad, Tegaderm foam or Allevyn gentle border adhesive)</li></ul>
<b>TREAT Sinus (pilonidal)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consider taking a wound swab if discharging pus, clean site first before swabbing</li><li>• Gently clean site and surrounding skin with Prontosan solution</li><li>• Apply protective dressing absorbent pad or foam dressing depending on level of discharge (Mepore pad, Tegaderm foam or Allevyn gentle border adhesive)</li></ul>
<b>TREAT Wart</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consider Dermatology referral</li><li>• Clean site and surrounding skin with Prontosan solution</li></ul>
<b>Healed</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continue with routine skin care</li></ul>
<b>Refer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For any deterioration, inform GP/Ward Doctor</li><li>• Complete TVN referral form on EPR</li></ul>