

<b>OASIS ITEM:</b>
<p><b>(M0484) Current Number of (Observable) Surgical Wounds:</b> (If a wound is partially closed but has <u>more</u> than one opening, consider each opening as a separate wound.)</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> 0 - Zero  <input type="checkbox"/> 1 - One  <input type="checkbox"/> 2 - Two  <input type="checkbox"/> 3 - Three  <input type="checkbox"/> 4 - Four or more </p>
<b>DEFINITION:</b>
Identifies the number of observable surgical wounds.
<b>TIME POINTS ITEM(S) COMPLETED:</b>
Start of care Resumption of care Discharge from agency – not to inpatient facility
<b>RESPONSE—SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A wound is not observable if it is covered by a dressing (or cast) which is not to be removed, per physician's orders.</li> <li>• Each opening in a single surgical wound is counted as one wound. Examples: (1) Each orthopedic pin site is a separate wound. (2) A vertical laparotomy incision which is partially closed, but has a small opening at the mid-point and another at the distal point would count as two wounds.</li> <li>• Suture or staple insertion sites are <u>not</u> considered to be separate wounds.</li> </ul>
<b>ASSESSMENT STRATEGIES:</b>
Count the number of visible wounds.