

<b>OASIS ITEM:</b>
<p><b>(M0486)</b> Does this patient have at least one <b>Surgical Wound that Cannot be Observed</b> due to the presence of a nonremovable dressing?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 0 - No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1 - Yes</p>
<b>DEFINITION:</b>
<p>Identifies the presence of a surgical wound which is covered by a dressing (or cast) which is not to be removed, per physician's orders.</p>
<b>TIME POINTS ITEM(S) COMPLETED:</b>
<p>Start of care  Resumption of care  Discharge from agency – not to inpatient facility</p>
<b>RESPONSE—SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Answer yes if there is a wound for which the dressing cannot be removed by home care clinicians (e.g., a plastic surgeon may order that he/she is the only one to remove the dressing over a new skin graft).</li> </ul>
<b>ASSESSMENT STRATEGIES:</b>
<p>Review referral information; interview patient; inspect surgical site(s). Contact physician if uncertain about removing dressing.</p>