

OASIS ITEM:
<p>(M0488)* Status of Most Problematic (Observable) Surgical Wound:</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> 1 - Fully granulating <input type="checkbox"/> 2 - Early/partial granulation <input type="checkbox"/> 3 - Not healing <input type="checkbox"/> NA - No observable surgical wound </p> <p>*At Follow-up, following the item number (M0488) insert the phrase, "skip this item if patient has no surgical wound(s)."</p>
DEFINITION:
<p>Identifies the degree of healing visible in the most problematic surgical wound. The "most problematic" wound is the one that may be complicated by the presence of infection; location of wound, large size, difficult management of drainage, or slow healing.</p>
TIME POINTS ITEM(S) COMPLETED:
<p>Start of care Resumption of care Follow-up Discharge from agency – not to inpatient facility</p>
RESPONSE—SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires identification of the most problematic surgical wound. • If there is only one surgical wound, the status of that one should be noted. • Insert directions at follow-up to skip this item if the patient has no surgical wounds(s). • "Nonobservable" surgical wounds include <u>only</u> those that are covered by a nonremovable dressing (or cast).
ASSESSMENT STRATEGIES:
<p>If there is more than one wound, determine which is the most problematic. Visualize this wound to identify the degree of healing.</p>