

## M1340 / M1342 Sample Scenarios

### Question #1:

Patient has an abdominal incision closed with traditional sutures and wire retention sutures. Although the edges of the incision are mostly approximated, the lower (distal) end of the incision is separated slightly along 1.5 inches of the incision line. Is the wound healing by primary or secondary intention?

### Answer:

The wound is healing by secondary intention. If it is determined that there is incisional separation, healing will be by secondary intention even if the wound was initially healing by primary intention. Healing by secondary intention includes dehiscence, partial interruption of the incision, or intentional secondary healing.

### Question #2:

For the patient above, at discharge, if the incision site has been newly epithelialized for the last 2 weeks but the retention suture sites appear red and are draining purulent material, should the wound be assessed as "Not healing" in M1342?

### Answer:

No, the surgical wound should not be assessed as "Not healing". It is newly epithelialized. Per the *OASIS-C2 Guidance Manual*, Chapter 3, openings in the skin adjacent to the incision line caused by the removal of staples or sutures are not to be considered as part of the surgical wound for M1342.

## M1340 - Surgical Wound Matching

| Wound / Lesion   | Surgical Wound?  |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Tracheostomy site</li><li>2. A-V shunt for renal dialysis</li><li>3. External infusion device</li><li>4. Enterocutaneous fistula</li><li>5. Sutured laceration d/t kitchen knife</li><li>6. Central IV line</li><li>7. Implanted insulin pump</li><li>8. PICC IV line</li></ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. No, this is not a surgical wound</li><li>b. Yes, this is a surgical wound</li></ol> |
| <b>Answers:</b> 1. a, 2. b, 3. a, 4. a, 5. a, 6. b, 7.b, 8. a  |  |