

SPLIT SKIN GRAFT: POST-OPERATIVE MANAGEMENT

1. Donor Site

Dressed with Tegaderm. Post-operatively, this can be changed with a further Tegaderm dressing as necessary e.g. oozing from edge of dressing. Once dry, wound can be left exposed.

2. Skin graft site

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- Theatre dressing: Jelonet, proflavine wool, dressing pad, crepe.
- Strict bed rest i.e. catheter (women), bedpan, tinzaparin VTE prophylaxis.

LEAVE UNDISTURBED FOR 6 DAYS

Dressing to be removed at 6 days by Mr Tisi (or Specialty Trainee if away), then:

Day 1

- Leave graft site exposed for 2 hours, then redress with Jelonet, NA dressing, dressing pad and crepe bandage. Bed rest.

Day 2

- Leave graft site exposed during day, then redress in evening as above. Bed rest.

Day 3

- Redress with NA, dressing pad, crepe
- Start mobilising with dressings on
- Leave exposed at night

Day 4

- Continue mobilising
- Measure for class 2 graduated compression stocking if no arterial disease
- Tubigrip for support once graft site dry (until compression stocking fitted or if compression stocking inappropriate).
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