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From: Gail Aylmer
To: Keating, Darren
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Subject: wound dehiscence report

Good afternoon

I have attached the report I have completed in regard to the recent wound dehiscences. I have been able to exclude 6 of the 13 charts that were reported to me.

The wound swab pathology for UR 130224 was significant and was *Staph aureus* scant and *Enterobacter cloacae* 1+.

Dr Patel is very busy this afternoon and I have been unable to catch him to give him a copy of this report myself, however I have left a copy and a short explanatory note for him in theatre. The OT NPC commented to me that Dr Patel stated in OT on Friday that he has identified the cause as being 'technique'.

Hopefully I will see Dr Patel to discuss this with him before the ASPIC meeting tomorrow lunchtime.

Regards
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Wound Dehiscence Report

29 April 2003 to 4 July 2003

UR No	Pt's DOB	Surgeon & Assiat	Adm date	Disch date	Re-adm	Initial Surgery	Date	Date of dehiscence	Wound swab	Comments
048114	7/2/31	Drs Patel & Igras	14/4/03	3/5/03	No	Anterior resection via laparotomy	14/4/03	28/4/03	Yes 25/4 drain site → normal findings	17/4 MI → ICU → faecal leak from anastomosis (febrile) → OT Laparotomy & washout 20/4 → 29/4 wound dehiscence - resutured on ward
130224	22/12/39	Drs Patel & Igras	5/6/03	Transf to Mater Brisbane 20/6/03	No	Oesophago-gastroctomy	6/6/03	12/6 & 16/6	Yes 17/6 → see attached path form	12/6 → OT resuturing & washout of abdo wound dehiscence 16/6 → OT repair wound dehiscence & washout → OT exploratory Laparotomy, repair of leaking jejunostomy
132761	16/7/42	Drs Patel & Igras	29/5/03	11/6/03	No	Laparotomy & Sigmoid Colectomy - Hartmanns	28/5/03	5/6/03	Yes 5/6 → normal findings	Staples removed 5/6/03 - poor union upper/lower end incision - reported as Wound infection - contaminated by faecal fluid from nearby stoma
129142	18/8/25	Drs Patel, Igras & Britten	28/6/03	2/7/03	Yes 3/7/03 Day 7 post-op	Sigmoid colectomy & High Ant Resection	26/6/03	3/7/03	No	3/7/03 dehiscence with greater omentum protruding from wound → OT resuturing & washout of abdo wound dehiscence
012789	13/9/24	Drs Patel & Igras	26/5/03	4/6/03	No	Sigmoid Colectomy	28/5/03	30/5/03	No	30/5 bowel viable through staple line (1 staple embedded in bowel) → OT suturing wound dehiscence
071453	30/10/27	Drs Patel & Igras	20/5/03	14/6/03 RIP	No	Sigmoid Colectomy & colostomy	23/5/03	30/5/03	No	30/5 → OT repair of abdo wound dehiscence
106834	12/1/55	Drs Patel & Igras	19/5/03	23/5/03	Yes 30/5/03 Day 10 post-op	Sigmoid Colectomy	19/5/03	29/5/03	Yes 30/5 → normal findings	Staples removed day before dehiscence - readmitted 30/5/03 to 4/6/03, initial dressing removed > 24hrs post-op