Skin Checks after Amputation

You need to check the skin on your amputated limb to look for any sign of inflammation, irritation or pressure. These may include:

- Redness or warmth of the skin
- Drainage from the suture line
- Blisters or open sores
- Tenderness or swelling
- Dry, cracked skin

**How to do the check**

Check all around your limb. Use a mirror to look at the back and end of the stump, and any bony spots and skin creases.

**Check each day**

Early treatment can help prevent more serious problems.

- You should check your limb for any skin problems **at least every day**.
- If you are wearing a wound dressing with shrinker sock or rigid dressing, you should **check your skin at the amputation site each time you change the dressing**.
- If you find a red spot, blister, open area or other skin problem, call your doctor or member of your rehab team right away.