

Woundcare 101

Tranq aka xylazine part 2

At this time, there is no solid consensus as to what defines best practice for these wounds.

There is simply not enough research.

Therefore, these are general wound care tips that our team & others have found to be effective for treating tranq wounds.



Most Important:

- 1) Clean your hands as best you can whenever you are touching a wound, while washing with soap & water is the most effective, hand sanitizer and even body wipes & regular water are better than nothing as you don't want to introduce more bacteria to the wound!
- 2) Do not touch another person's wound without gloves, this puts both of you at risk.
- 3) If area around wound is extra painful, warm to touch, red, or swollen, or if you have fever/chills or unexplained nausea/vomiting go to a clinic/hospital to see if you need antibiotics.



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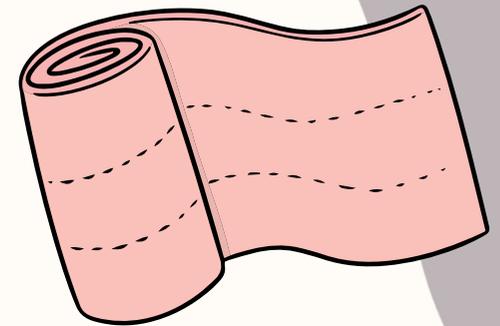
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WHAT TO DO

- Clean wounds with soap (if available) & bottled/tap water, or saline-no soap needed
 - if no soap is available, water helps too!
- Keep wounds covered, change dressings whenever soiled or soaked.
- Keep wounds just a little moist to allow dead skin to soften and fall off on its own, and new skin to regrow
- Keep skin around wound as clean/dry/free from wound drainage as possible

OTHER IMPORTANT INFO:

- Alcohol and peroxide are too harsh for healing skin-don't regularly use these to wash a wound (use saline or water and soap).
- Antibiotics only work against certain bacteria at certain doses-if you take random ones/someone else's/only some pills, you might kill off only some bacteria, leaving the strongest ones still in your body.



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WHERE TO FIND WOUND CARE SUPPORT IN PHILADELPHIA

- Prevention Point Wound Care Clinic
12-4pm Mon, Tues, & Fri
Kensington and Monmouth Sts.
- Kensington Wound Care Van
10am-3pm Mon-Fri
Kensington near Somerset
- PDPH Wound Care Popup
10am-1pm Thursdays @ K&A
+ TBD more times/locations



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WHAT IS IT & WHY DOES IT MATTER?

The Basics

- An animal tranquilizer-NOT APPROVED FOR HUMANS
- PRIMARY CUT IN PHILLY DOPE & SPREADING ACROSS THE US
 - PRESENTLY COMPOSED PRIMARILY OF FENTANYL AND XYLAZINE
- XYLAZINE HAS ALSO BEEN FOUND IN COCAINE IN PHILADELPHIA



Why is it important?



WITHDRAWAL SYMPTOMS ARE DIFFERENT THAN OPIOIDS & REQUIRE DIFFERENT TREATMENT



MAY INCREASE THE LIKELIHOOD OF FATAL OVERDOSE
FOUND IN 1/3 OF FATAL OVERDOSES IN PHILADELPHIA IN 2020



ALTERS THE APPEARANCE OF AN OVERDOSE
INDIVIDUALS MAY BE UNRESPONSIVE BUT STILL BREATHING



CAN CAUSE SKIN WOUNDS REGARDLESS OF HOW THE SUBSTANCE IS USED (SMOKING, NASALLY, INJECTING)

