

## MDS Alert

### Test Yourself: What You Don't Know Can Hurt Your Surgical Wound Care Coding and RUG Scores

1. Which of the following constitutes surgical wound care for purposes of coding it in Section M of the MDS 2.0 or MDS 3.0? Circle all that apply.

1. Topical cleansing and/or wound irrigation
2. Application of antimicrobial ointments
3. Application of dressings of any type
4. Suture/staple removal
5. Warm soaks or heat application
6. Application of medicated eye patches after ocular surgery
7. Wound care following surgical debridement of a pressure ulcer

2. A surgical wound and one or more skin treatments coded on the MDS 2.0 may place the resident into which of the following RUG-III categories, if he or she has the requisite ADL score:

- a. Extensive Services
- b. Clinically Complex
- c. Special Care

3. A surgical wound and one or more skin treatments coded on the MDS 3.0 may place the resident into which of the following RUG-IV categories, if he or she has the requisite ADL score (as published in the final SNF PPS rule for FY 2010):

- a. Extensive Services
- b. Special Care
- c. Clinically Complex
- d. None of the above

Editor's note: Check out the answers in the next MDS Alert.