

## OASIS Alert

### Tool: Keep this Chart Handy when Answering M1340

Stay up-to-date on OASIS Q&As for greatest accuracy.

OASIS item M1340 -- Does this patient have a surgical wound? may seem like an easy question to answer at first glance, but it's actually one of the most complex. Reference this chart of commonly considered wounds from **Judy Adams, RN, BSN, HCS-D, HCS-O** with **Adams Home Care Consulting** in Chapel Hill, N.C. when you're uncertain whether your patient has a qualifying surgical wound.

Note: This list is based on CMS Q&As Category 4 B 102-105.22, 106, 108.01-109. But the Q&As from CMS aren't exhaustive and all inclusive, says **Rhonda Will, RN, BS, COS-C, HCS-D**, with Northampton, Mass.-based **Fazzi Associates**. They only address specific questions clinicians have asked over time.

Be sure to check current guidance periodically, Will cautions. "We self-professed OASIS geeks have noted wound types to change status through the years."

