Innovative Audit on Nursing Practice - Wound Packing Audit in Primary Care Setting
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Introduction
In line with the increasing numbers of wound care with packing in General out-patient Clinics of Hong Kong West Cluster, Wound Packing Audit has been conducted from August to November 2015. The preliminary audit work of wound packing took three months to prepare including new creation of audit documents, wound packing education to all nursing staff and training to auditors. Since Wound Packing Audit is the first time to be performed in Hong Kong West Cluster, both the new criteria of success and standard have to be reviewed. Wound packing would be one of nursing audit to be performed to maintain standard quality care to patients in primary health care setting.

Objectives
1. To examine the standard of current practice
2. To provide data for benchmarking
3. To explore room for further improvement related to wound packing

Methodology
Scope: The scope of audit covered 31 nursing staff working in Department of Family Medicine & Primary Health Care
Sampling: A convenient sampling method was adopted. The samples were confined to open wounds, which required packing, fistula was excluded
Instrument: A new standard form "Wound packing" was adopted
Data collection: The samples were collected by the auditors through asking family member, asking nurse, asking patient, observation and reviewing relevant document or chart

Result
There were totally 19 items of standard criteria in which 16 items and 3 items were completed with 100% compliance and more than 95% compliance respectively. Wound packing is one of common type of dressing care procedure in primary health care setting. Therefore, all nurses must comply with the set standard on daily nursing clinical practice to provide quality and safety care to patients.