

Above Knee Amputation

Bandaging

Non-stick Adaptic gauze

4x4 gauze is opened up and laid across the incision, and then one by one laid over the wound. Gauze should not be in a large lump that can put pressure on the skin and cause skin breakdown.

Fluff gauze to add padding and some compression

Kerlex roll gauze to secure the dressing and apply gentle compression to the end of the amputation site. 2 rolls.

Apply mongo extra long 6 inch ace wrap around the above knee amputation site, the proximal limb, and the waist in a spica fashion. The gauze is wrapped in an angled fashion to avoid proximal constriction of the limb and avoid the “tourniquet effect”. Avoid pressure on the colostomy site.

Secure the spica ace with tape to keep it from getting tangled, displaced, or becoming tourniquet-like.

Pelvis external fixator seen.

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