

Knee Disarticulation Amputation

Bandaging:

Adaptec non-stick gauze

Open 4x4 gauze

Apply 4x4 gauze over the distal end. Apply them one at a time and against the incision line to prevent a large layer of gauze that can shift around or apply too much pressure.

Fluff gauze padding

Kerlex roll gauze

Care is taken to keep a gauze layer between the skin and the drain.

Remove the drapes and the tourniquet

Webril cotton cast padding

In order to facilitate removal of the drain, place webril padding below and above the drain. It is also wrapped over the gauze fluff dressing on the distal end.

Plaster Splints

Plaster splints are used to make a rigid dressing over the end and sides of the residual limb. The plaster makes a rigid dressing that helps control swelling and edema and protects the limb from minor external trauma that may occur to the amputation site during patient transfers and with the patient's bed activity.

Bias cut stockinet

Wrap over the plaster with bias cut stockinet.

Rest leg on a pillow while the plaster dries

The plaster is molded on a pillow.

Tape

Tape to prevent the bias cut gauze from shifting and becoming disheveled.