

## **Additional Guidelines for Injection Sites**

## Do Don't

- **Do** choose an area on the skin that is intact and free of irregularities such as scars, bruises, cuts, rashes, moles, etc.
- Do observe skin in response to insulin injections.
- Do report any skin changes or concerns to your delegating RN.

- Don't inject insulin within two inches of the naval or belly button.
- Don't do the following as they may increase the rate that the body uses the insulin. Specifically:
  - **Don't** choose an area of the body that will be exercised (the thigh before a brisk walk).
  - Don't inject insulin just before a bath, shower, hot tub use (or any activity that brings heat to the area).
  - Don't rub or massage skin after an insulin injection.

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