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Wrist Injury Infection

Infection can develop after any injury where the skin is breached. For this reason, wounds are often debrided, washed out and repaired in the **operating room**. This is **particularly true for contaminated wounds** such as bites, oyster shells or dirty tools.

If not controlled early, infections **can progress rapidly** and may need a prolonged stay in hospital and multiple operations. For this reason I like to review potential infections as soon as possible.

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