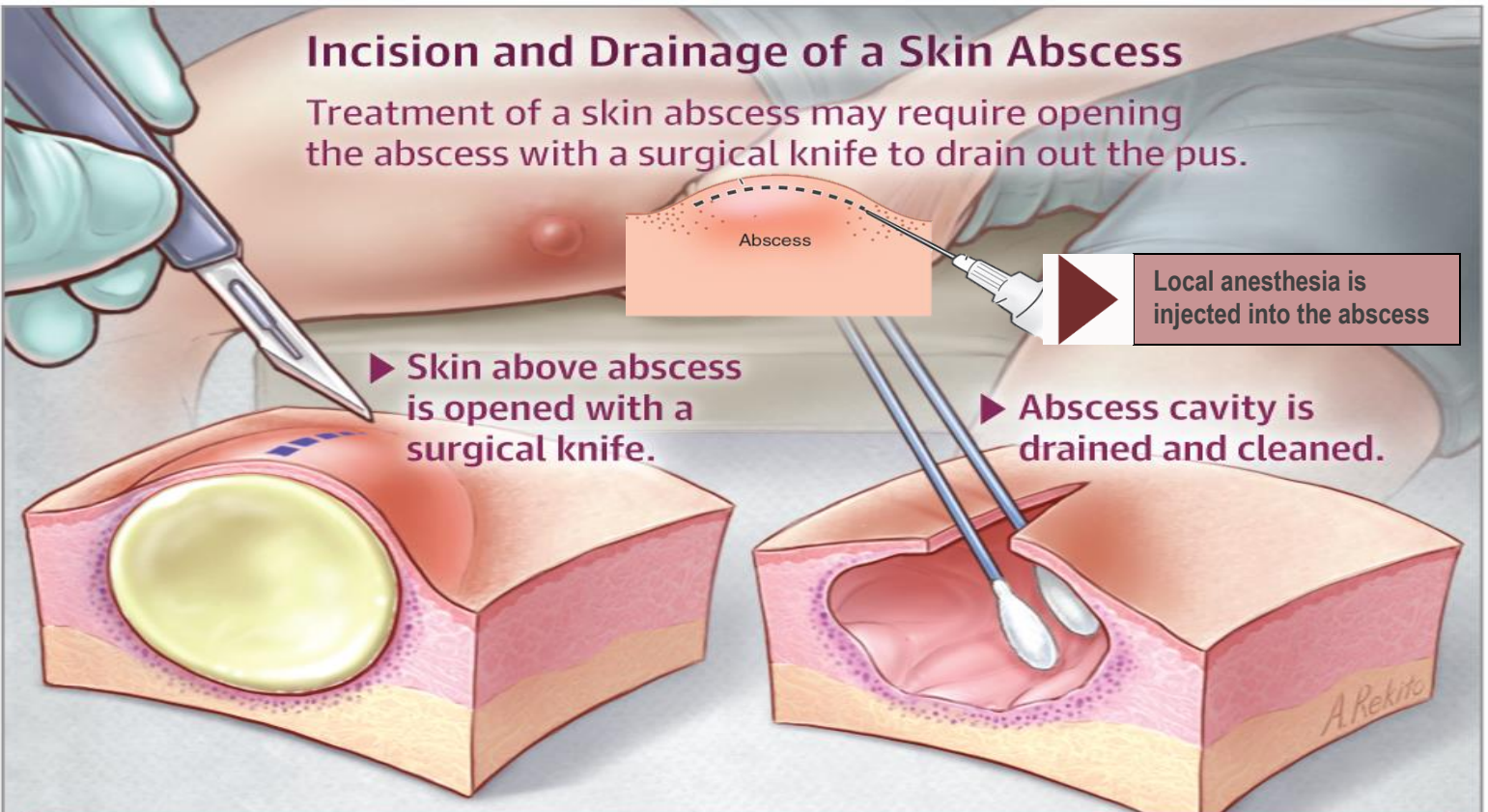
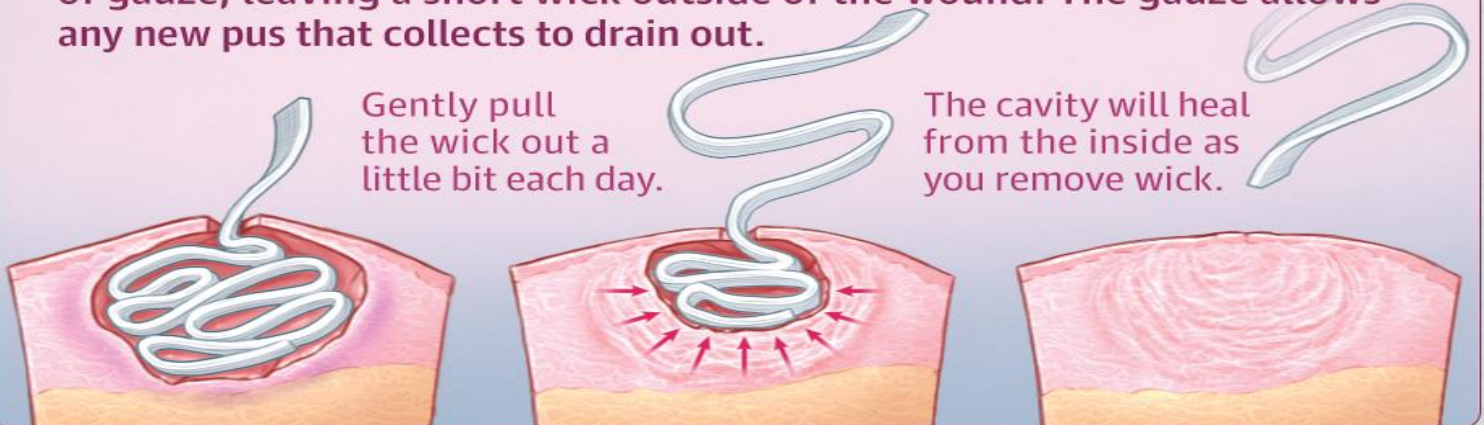


Incision and Drainage of a Skin Abscess

Treatment of a skin abscess may require opening the abscess with a surgical knife to drain out the pus.



► Sometimes the doctor will pack the drained abscess cavity with a ribbon of gauze, leaving a short wick outside of the wound. The gauze allows any new pus that collects to drain out.



► In some cases a drain may be placed

Penrose drain(open drain)

A Penrose drain is a soft and flexible. This drain doesn't have a collection device. It empties into absorptive dressing material, it promotes drainage passively. With the drainage moving from the area of greater pressure in the wound or surgical site to the area of less pressure.

