



AWMA MODULE ACCREDITATION

Module ONE: Introduction to Wound Management

INTRODUCTION

Intended learning outcomes of MODULE

Completion of an AWMA accredited 'Introduction to Wound Management' module provides opportunities for health professionals to develop and demonstrate knowledge, understanding, skills and other attributes in the following areas:

Intellectual skills-knowledge and understanding

Upon completion of an AWMA accredited 'Introduction to Wound Management' module, it is anticipated that the participant will demonstrate a knowledge of :

1. The physiology of normal wound repair and the body's response to injury.
2. The physiological differences between acute and chronic wounds.
3. The epidemiology of a range of different wound types.
4. Holistic assessment of the patient with wounds.
5. Factors that may delay wound healing and compromise tissue viability.
6. A broad range of treatment options depending on areas of practice.
7. The psychosocial impact wounding has on individuals and carers.
8. The network of interdisciplinary services required for the assessment and management of patients with wounds.

Practical Skills—Skills and Attributes

Upon completion of an AWMA accredited 'Introduction to Wound Management' module, it is anticipated that the participant will be able to :

1. Appropriately assess and document the care of a patient with wounds.
2. Accurately assess the wound and surrounding skin.
3. Make effective treatment decisions, initiate further investigations and identify when to seek further specialist intervention or help from other health professionals.
4. Effectively monitor and evaluate treatment outcomes in a timely fashion.
5. Identify and assess the psychological impact that wounding has on the individual.

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MODULE CONTENT CHECKLIST

Indicate inclusion of educational content by placing a tick in column A.

Indicate, where applicable, reasons for content not included by inserting a code (1-5)* in column C.

Note more than one code can be used.

*Codes are listed on page 5

Inclusion (A)	Educational Content (B)	Reasons why content not included (Insert code 1-5)* (C)
	Overview / epidemiology	
	The prevalence and incidence of acute and chronic wounds- types of data will be relevant to the setting e.g. aged care-skin tear and pressure injury figures, acute care may be burns and traumatic wounds.	
	Anatomy and Pathophysiology	
	Anatomy of the skin and associated structures.	
	Physiology of wound healing and tissue repair including function of cells associated with wound healing eg neutrophils, fibroblasts.	
	Factors impairing wound healing.	

Principles of patient care		
	Holistic patient assessment e.g. physical, psychological, social, economic, ethnicity and spiritual needs.	
	Identification of patient centred management objectives.	
	Care planning and documentation- including goals of care and expected clinical outcomes.	
	Evaluation of outcomes.	
	Use of evidence based practice/clinical guidelines.	
	Referral to other health professional/organisation criteria.	
Assessment		
	Assessment of wound bed and surrounding skin (depth/grading, exudate amount and appearance, odour, wound edge, wound related pain levels, measurement of wound dimensions).	
	Documentation of findings incorporating wound bed preparation principles.	
	Investigations – as required e.g. blood screening, radiology imaging, biopsy.	
	Skin assessment-skin type and issues related to this skin type.	

Wound Management		
	Principles of dressing procedure including wound field concept.	
	Principles of wound cleansing includes methods and solutions accepted for use.	
	<p>Wound bed preparation including addressing any devitalised tissue, managing exudate levels to restore normal fluid levels appropriate to tissue needs. Management of infection and inflammation.</p> <p>Care of the surrounding skin eg contact dermatitis, avoidance of trauma/skin stripping, maceration, blistering, allergies.</p> <p>Debridement of devitalised tissue (when to maintain dry eschar and when to debride).</p>	
	Generic product selection including product availability relative to local circumstances and different healthcare settings.	
	The use of guidelines and evidence-based practice to treat wounds.	
Management of Infection		
	Assessment /presentation - clinical signs/symptoms colonisation to clinical infection continuum.	
	Superficial infections, cellulitis and sepsis.	
	Methods of identifying infecting agents - culture and swab techniques, biopsy.	

	General wound management for infected wounds.	
	Use of topical antimicrobials/antiseptics - indications, type and duration of treatment.	
	Systematic and local pharmacological management.	
	Rehabilitation services	
	Inter-disciplinary, multi-professional team approach, patient involvement in care.	
	Patient follow-up / prevention of reoccurrence.	
	Psychosocial aspects of care	
	Psycho-social impact wounding has on individuals and carers.	
	Factors affecting concordance with treatment and management.	
	Effective patient education strategies—skin care, importance of cessation of smoking, action of dressings etc.	

Code	* Reasons why content not included in course
1	Learners have prior knowledge
2	Content considered irrelevant
3	Lack of time to deliver this content
4	Lack of expertise to deliver this content
5	Other reasons (please specify below)