



AWMA MODULE ACCREDITATION

Module TWO: Pressure Injury Prevention and Management

INTRODUCTION

Intended learning outcomes of MODULE

Completion of an AWMA accredited 'Pressure Injury Prevention and 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 'Pressure Injury Prevention and Management' module, it is anticipated that the participant will demonstrate a knowledge of :

1. The physiology in relation to tissue and pressure damage/pressure injury aetiology.
2. The epidemiology of pressure injuries, age/sex distribution, sites and grades of pressure damage, fiscal and human costs.
3. The different methods of assessment of patients 'at risk' of pressure damage and pressure injury staging.
4. The range of pressure reduction systems, protocols of care, care pathways, mattresses and devices.
5. Evidence based treatments available for the management of pressure injuries and associated skin changes.
6. The organisation pressure injury prevention services and interdisciplinary team working.
7. The psychological issues associated with pressure injuries, their impact on the individual and their family/carers.
8. Local services providing equipment, rental or purchase and services from other agencies.

Practical Skills—Skills and Attributes

Upon completion of an AWMA accredited 'Pressure Injury Prevention and Management' module, it is anticipated that the participant will be able to:

1. Appropriately assess and document patients with different levels of risk or pressure injury development, identifying the specific factors that increase risk status-potential or actual.
2. Plan pressure injury prevention strategies appropriate to individuals needs.
3. Accurately assess the management strategies required by those with a pressure injury.
4. Make effective treatment decisions, initiate further investigations as required and identify when to seek further specialist intervention or help from other health professionals.
5. Safely and effectively use pressure reduction devices and equipment.
6. Monitor and evaluate intervention and treatment outcomes.
7. Identify the psychosocial impact of pressure injuries.

**MODULE TWO: PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT
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 in course (Insert code 1-5)* (C)
	Overview / epidemiology -Introductory unit content plus:	
	The prevalence and incidence of pressure injurys and associated skin damage.	
	The economic and human costs associated with pressure injuries.	
	Anatomy and Pathophysiology -Introductory unit content plus:	
	Principles of patient care (covered in Introductory unit content)	

	Assessment - Introductory unit content plus:	
	General assessment process including the use and limitations of pressure injury risk assessment tools such as Norton, Braden and Waterlow.	
	Specific assessment - pressure injury assessment including the use of pressure injury grading schemes and methods of wound assessment, skin assessment.	
	Risk Factor management	
	Risk factors associated with pressure injury formation.	
	Refer to AWMA Clinical Practice guidelines for the Prevention and Management of Pressure Injuries- www.awma.com.au/publications . Also recommended to read the material on the Victorian Government website http://www.health.vic.gov.au/pressureulcers/education.htm and that produced by the Wounds West project- www.health.wa.gov.au/WoundsWest	

	Prevention of Pressure Injuries	
	Prevention strategies including repositioning techniques, selection and use of pressure redistributing equipment including mattresses, overlays, beds and cushions.	
	Skin care such as the use of emollients, protection against moisture damage.	
	Nutritional support in preventing pressure injuries.	
	Use of guidelines and evidence-based practice in pressure injury prevention.	
	The role of the multi-professional team in preventing pressure injuries.	
	Wound Management – Introductory unit content plus:	
	Importance of complete pressure removal.	
	Specialist Intervention e.g. OT, Physio, Pharmacist.	
	Management of Infection (Content covered in introductory module)	

	Rehabilitation services (Content covered in introductory module)	
	Psychosocial aspects of care (Content covered in introductory module)	

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