



Guidelines to Competency Assessment for Health Professionals Caring for Patients with Acute Trauma Wounds

1.0	Professional Practice	Standard 1, 2 & 3
1.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Practices in accordance with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA). ▪ Complies with legislation standards codes and regulation governing each speciality practice. http://www.ahpra.gov.au/ August 2010 	
1.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provides a comprehensive assessment of the individual, their airway, breathing, circulation, cervical spine and wounds and the healing environment; ▪ Performs a risk assessment for further potential problems related to the wound and its extent ▪ Initiates referral as required. 	
1.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identifies unsafe practise and has the ability to respond appropriately. 	
2.0	Intellectual skills-knowledge and understanding	Standard 2 & 6
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Has a comprehensive understanding of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Anatomy and physiology; ○ Burns; ○ Bites-human and animal; ○ Blunt trauma; ○ Lacerations; ○ SSI's and wound dehiscence. 	
2.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Is able to perform a comprehensive assessment-primary and secondary survey; ▪ Is able to differentiate between inflammation and infection-local and systemic; ▪ Has the ability to identify risk factors associated with poor healing in surgical/trauma cases; ▪ Can identify best practise related to wound care options. 	
2.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Assists individuals to make health care decisions related to the impact of their management interventions and rehabilitation. 	
2.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Communicates strategies appropriate to the individual. 	

2.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifies the psychosocial impact of acute trauma on the individual and their family. 	
3.0	Management of Trauma Wounds	Standard 2 & 7
3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Locates and utilises best available research. 	
3.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can safely administer analgesia and antibiotics within scope of practice. 	
3.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilises information technology systems within Health Care Service for wound documentation and other related equipment. 	
3.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiates systems for the evaluation of the trauma services and evaluates rehabilitation processes. 	
3.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitors and evaluates treatment outcomes. 	
4.0	Collaborative practise	Standard 1 & 2
4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promotes effective communication between other health professionals and clients. 	
4.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shares decision making with other health care professionals. 	
4.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognises own limitations in relation to caring for clients with trauma wounds and seeks advice. 	
4.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liases with relevant community and health care agencies on order to maintain continuity of care. 	

Based on:

- Australian Nursing and Midwifery Council, National Competency Standards for the Nurse Practitioner (2004), Registered and Enrolled Nurse (2004/2005);
- Standards for Wound Management 1st edition (2002). Australian Wound Management Association Inc.