



Guidelines to Competency Assessment for Health Professionals Caring for Patients with Diabetic Foot Wounds and High Risk Feet

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 underlying pathology, the wound and the healing environment;Performs a risk assessment analysis, early intervention and appropriate 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">The anatomy and physiology of the foot;The aetiology of foot wound;Management strategies for foot wounds.	
2.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Is able to perform a comprehensive assessment of the patient;Is able to define clearly treatment aims;Has the ability to identify other risk factors associated with the disease;Can identify best practise related to wound care choices.	
2.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Assists individuals to make health care decisions related to the impact of their management interventions.	
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 having a foot wound.	
3.0	Management of foot 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"> Utilises information technology systems within Health Care Service for wound documentation and other related equipment. 	
3.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiates systems for the evaluation and provision of care for high risk foot disease and foot wounds. 	
3.4	<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 complex foot wounds and seeks further advice. 	
4.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liaises with relevant community and health care agencies in 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.