



## Guidelines to Competency Assessment for Health Professionals Caring for Patients with Palliative and Oncology related wounds

1.0	Professional Practice	Standard 1, 2 & 3
1.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Practices in accordance with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).</li> <li>▪ Complies with legislation standards codes and regulation governing each speciality practice. <a href="http://www.ahpra.gov.au/">http://www.ahpra.gov.au/</a> August 2010</li> </ul>	
1.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Provides a comprehensive assessment of the individual, their underlying pathology, the wound and the healing environment;</li> <li>▪ Performs a risk assessment analysis, early intervention and appropriate referral as required.</li> </ul>	
1.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Identifies unsafe practise and has the ability to respond appropriately.</li> </ul>	
2.0	Intellectual skills-knowledge and understanding	Standard 2 & 6
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Has a comprehensive understanding of:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The anatomy and physiology of the offending tumour/disease;</li> <li>○ The aetiology of cancer related wounds;</li> <li>○ Management strategies for palliative and oncology wounds.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
2.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Is able to perform a comprehensive assessment of the patient;</li> <li>▪ Is able to define clearly treatment aims;</li> <li>▪ Has the ability to identify other risk factors associated with the disease;</li> <li>▪ Can identify best practise related to wound care choices.</li> </ul>	
2.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Assists individuals to make health care decisions related to the impact of their management interventions.</li> </ul>	
2.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Communicates strategies appropriate to the individual.</li> </ul>	
2.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Identifies the psychosocial impact of non healing/palliative wounds.</li> </ul>	

3.0	Management of palliative and Oncology related wounds	Standard 2 & 7
3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Locates and utilises best available research.</li> </ul>	
3.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Utilises information technology systems within Health Care Service for wound documentation and other related equipment.</li> </ul>	
3.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Initiates systems for the evaluation and provision of palliative care services.</li> </ul>	
3.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Monitors and evaluates treatment outcomes.</li> </ul>	
4.0	Collaborative practise	Standard 1 & 2
4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Promotes effective communication between other health professionals and clients.</li> </ul>	
4.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Shares decision making with other health care professionals.</li> </ul>	
4.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Recognises own limitations in relation to caring for clients with palliative and oncology wounds and seeks advice.</li> </ul>	
4.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Liases with relevant community and health care agencies on order to maintain continuity of care.</li> </ul>	

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 1<sup>st</sup> edition (2002). Australian Wound Management Association Inc.