



Guidelines to Competency Assessment for Health Professionals for Wound Debridement

Element of Competency	Performance criteria being assessed	Signature of nurse	Signature of Assessor
1. Wound assessment	1.0 Demonstrates knowledge of anatomy of the wound site; 1.2 Is able to discuss the stage of healing and anticipated process once non viable tissue is removed; 1.3 Is able to give a presentation of the case in a systematic manner including surgical, medical and pharmacological history highlighting key factors of relevance to the procedure; 1.4 Demonstrates a knowledge of the Wound Bed Preparation documents and able to discuss relevance to CSWD.		
2. Selected appropriate wound debridement method	2.0 Able to describe the range of wound debridement options available; 2.1 Able to discuss the contraindications and precautions for CSWD; 2.2 Can rationalise why CSWD is most appropriate method for this particular wound; 2.3 Demonstrates patient involvement where appropriate in decision making.		
3. Patient preparation	3.0 Explains the procedure to the patient, carer, family or staff as appropriate and relevant; 3.1 Explains the pros and cons of procedures available and why CSWD appears to be the most effective in this instance; 3.2 Discusses timelines of anticipated stages of healing with patient or relevant others; 3.3 Undertakes a pain assessment and discusses any pain anticipated with the procedure; 3.4 Undertakes all steps necessary to eliminate or reduce pain during and after the procedure; 3.5 Obtains patient consent where possible or facility permission as appropriate with local policies.		
4. The preparation for the procedure of CSWD	4.1 The wound tissue and wound site are appropriate for CSWD; 4.2 The patient is well positioned, comfortable with adequate light to visualise tissue requiring removal; 4.3 Can explain potential complications and procedures to be taken should such arise; 4.4 Able to cite procedure for incident reporting if necessary; 4.5 The area is prepared appropriately; 4.6 The appropriate equipment has been sourced; 4.7 Wound is photographed.		

<p>5. The actual performing of the procedure</p>	<p>5.0 The wound tissue is palpated, moved and assessed to determine any attachments or precautions necessary; 5.1 The instruments are handled appropriately with safety issues foremost and the most appropriate tool selected for the tissue type to be removed; 5.2 The tissue to be removed is grasped securely with care for viable underlying structures; 5.3 The non viable tissue is removed one layer at a time; 5.4 There is no compromise to viable tissue; 5.5 The clinician ceases the procedure at an appropriate level of tissue; 5.6 The patient is monitored for pain and discomfort.</p>		
<p>6. Post debridement</p>	<p>6.0 The area is cleansed and reviewed to plan ongoing treatment; 6.1 Appropriate ongoing dressing regime is selected, ensuring hydration to aid further autolytic debridement; 6.2 Wound is photographed, documentation completed with special notes if necessary; 6.3 The patient, carer, family and/or staff are informed of outcome and ongoing care plan and expectations.</p>		