

## AWMA GUIDELINES TO DEVELOPMENT OF COMPETENCY ASSESSMENT

### Module Four: Acute Traumatic Wound Management

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 regulations governing each specialty practice</li> </ul>	
1.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Provides a comprehensive assessment of the individual, their airway, breathing, circulation, cervical spine and wounds and the environment and the healing environment</li> <li>▪ Undertakes appropriate risk assessment, early intervention and appropriate interprofessional referral as required</li> </ul>	
1.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Identifies unsafe practice and has the ability to respond appropriately</li> </ul>	
2.0	Intellectual Knowledge and Understanding	Standard 1,2,3,4, 6 & 7
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 skin and associated structures</li> <li>• Burns</li> <li>• Bites-human and animal</li> <li>• Blunt trauma</li> <li>• Lacerations</li> <li>• Surgical site infections and wound dehiscence</li> <li>• Skin tears</li> <li>• The physiology of wound healing and tissue repair</li> <li>• Factors impairing wound healing and ways to minimize same</li> <li>• Signs and symptoms of wound infection continuum</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
2.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Is able to perform a comprehensive assessment-primary and secondary survey</li> <li>▪ Is able to differentiate between inflammation and infection-local and systemic</li> <li>▪ Has the ability to identify risk factors associated with poor healing in surgical/trauma cases</li> <li>▪ Identifies and implements evidence based practice related to wound management practices in management of acute traumatic wounds</li> </ul>	

2.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assists individuals to make decisions related to the impact of their management interventions and rehabilitation</li> </ul>	
2.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communicates strategies appropriate to the individual, their carer &amp; interprofessional team members</li> </ul>	
2.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identifies the psychosocial impact of acute traumatic wounds</li> </ul>	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Management of Acute Traumatic Wounds</b>	<b>Standard 2,3,5 &amp; 7</b>
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 available documentation and information technology systems and equipment within individual Organisations e.g. burns</li> </ul>	
3.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can safely administer analgesia and antibiotics within scope of practice</li> </ul>	
3.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initiates systems for the evaluation of the trauma services and evaluates rehabilitation processes</li> </ul>	
3.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitors and evaluates treatment outcomes</li> </ul>	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Collaborative Practice &amp; Interprofessional Care</b>	<b>Standard 1, 2, 3 &amp; 8</b>
4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promotes effective communication between interprofessional team, individuals &amp; carers</li> </ul>	
4.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recognises limitations and scope of practice and seeks further interprofessional advice as required</li> </ul>	
4.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Liaises with relevant community and health care agencies in order to maintain continuity of care</li> </ul>	

Based on:

Australian Wound Management Association, Standards For Wound Management, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. West Leederville WA, Cambridge Publishing, 2010.