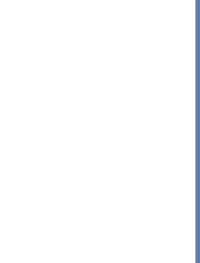


12. Dressing Selection

						
Necrotic	Infected	Sloughy	Granulating	Epithelialising	Fungating / Malodorous	Cavity
Characterised by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presence of dead or devitalised tissue. Black/brown colouration Wound will not heal until necrotic tissue is removed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inflammation, localised heat or swelling, yellow pus, offensive odour. Green/Yellow discolouration Wound will not heal until slough is removed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slough - soft necrotic tissue and dead phagocytes Yellow colouration Wound will not heal until slough is removed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shiny granulation tissue - connective tissue and capillary loops. Bright red colouration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Epithelial cells multiply and migrate towards area of cell deficit Pink colouration Epithelial cells only migrate over live granulating tissue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offensive smell Potential for tracking Wound exudate (devitalised tissue)
Aims	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Debride by rehydrating and loosening eschar by autolysis (caution in patients with diabetes, and those with ischaemic wounds) Identify infection Reduce bacterial load and debride slough. Remove/control odour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove slough and absorb exudate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain a warm, moist environment Protect granulation tissue. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protect moist, granulating tissue to allow migrating epithelial cells to cover wound. Exudate management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protect moist, granulating tissue to allow migrating epithelial cells to cover wound. Debris, blood clot or eschar cells to grow deep in the wound. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote debridement Manage exudate levels
Suggested Products - not listed in order of preference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actiform Cool Aquacel Extra Aquaform DUODERM Granuflex Tegaderm Hydrocolloid Could also consider Debrisoft 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Antimicrobial dressings Honey Iodine based Kendall AMD Larval Therapy Silver dressings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actiform Cool Allevyn Aquacel Foam Aquaform gel DuoDERM Granuflex Honey Larval Therapy Sorbsan / Aquacel Extra Tegaderm Hydrocolloid 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actiform Cool Allevyn Aquacel Extra Aquacel Foam Caroflex Mepilex Softpore/Mepitel N-A Ultra Tegaderm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actisorb Silver 220 Allevyn Aquacel Extra Aquacel Foam Caroflex Mepilex Sorbsan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aquacel Foam Aquacel Ribbon Sorbsan Ribbon Negative Pressure (NPWT)
For enquiries regarding wound management contact:-	EXCORIATED SKIN			Skin protectant - designed to provide a barrier between skin and body fluids - use MediDerma-S		
Tissue Viability Team	CHALLENGING WOUNDS E.g. burns and plastics			Refer to specialist units where appropriate		
	OVER-GRANULATING WOUNDS			Overgranulation is where the granulating tissue has exceeded the level of the wound surface, therefore hindering epithelialisation. Consider adhesive foam dressing as first choice		
	DIABETIC PATIENTS			Caution with occlusive dressings in patients with diabetes. Hydrogels and alginates are available for patients with diabetes		