

Dressing selection flowchart

Wound bed Assessment

Goal

Action plan

Infection



Necrotic wounds
(black and green)

Debridement

Surgical / larvae
Chemical - antiseptics
Autolytic – hydrocolloid /hydrogel
Osmotic - honey / cadexamer

Palliative management

Iodine based and dry dressing



Slough present
(green & yellow)

Deslough

Low exudate

Hydrogel + hydrocolloid
Hydrocolloid
Foam

High exudate

Hydrofiber + foam
Alginate + foam
Foam



Granulating wounds
red and pink in colour

Promote healing

Low exudate

Hydrogel + hydrocolloid
Hydrocolloid
Foam

High exudate

Hydrofiber + foam
Alginate + foam
Foam
Hydrocolloid



Healing wound
(epithelialisation)

Low exudate

Hydrocolloid
Film
Low adherence

High exudate

Hydrofiber + foam
Alginate + foam
Foam
Hydrocolloid

Chronic non healing /static
wounds look for underlying
causes . Provide a warm moist
healing environment or use of
advanced products

Clinical signs
of Infection
Deterioration
Pyrexia
Cellulitis
Odour
Pain

Swab if
appropriate

Treat
infection
Treat
symptoms
Antimicrobial
dressings
Honey
Silver
Iodine based
Kendal AMD