

# INTRODUCTION TO THE WAITEMATA DHB WOUND CARE GUIDES

Welcome to the Waitemata DHB Wound Care Guides

The aim of these guides is to promote evidence-based practice for wound healing through promoting standardised wound assessment and treatment. The guides have been developed as part of a two year innovations pilot. The overall aim of the pilot is to integrate wound care services across Waitemata DHB and support health care practitioners with wound care management. This has been an integrated collaborative effort between Primary and Secondary services including: Coast to Coast PHO, Harbour PHO and Waitemata DHB district nursing, dietitians, wound care nursing and podiatry services.

The wound care guides are not intended as an in-depth guideline but are provided as a simple tool to support best clinical practice. They are based on the best available evidence and are not intended as a replacement for sound clinical judgement. In many cases references are given where further information can be found if required.

Health care, particularly wound care is developing at a rapid rate. To reflect this constantly changing environment there are currently six guides available in a printable electronic format. Future work will see the addition of further guides.

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We hope you find these guides a helpful and usable addition to daily practice.

To assist us in the development of future guides we would appreciate your feedback or suggestions. Please provide this by completing the survey form. Please click on the link below.

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