Wound Assessment and Documentation

This course provides the principles of wound assessment and strategies for effective wound documentation.

After completing this continuing education activity, nurses will be able to:

- Identify wounds classification by depth and etiology
- List three characteristics to document as part of assessment
- Review etiology and major assessments associated with 6 wound types
- Review latest pressure injury staging
- Identify key risk factor for skin with presence of moisture
- Review major tissue types associated with open chronic wounds healing by second intention
- List signs and symptoms of critical colonization and wound infection

Please note: Completing this course does not authorize you to add any skill discussed in the content to your practice if this function is not included in your current scope of practice.

Outline
- Wound Assessment Principles
- Wound Classification Algorithm
- Assessment of Different Wound Types: burns, surgical, partial thickness/full thickness, pressure injury, moisture-associated skin damage, lower extremity ulcers
- Wound Measurement and Photography
- Documentation Principles: wound exudate, odor, surrounding skin, pain, signs of infection, tissue types

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