



Topic Talks

Being 'wound aware'

Wound Awareness Week 2021 (WAW21) is Wounds Australia's most significant annual campaign to improve awareness of chronic wounds and influence wound management policy. This week will focus on wound awareness.

"While not all Healthcare professionals will pursue specialist knowledge and skills in wound management, it is important that you can assist your patients with slow healing or chronic wounds to get the best treatment for their wounds"

Chronic Wounds in Australia

- Nearly half a million Australians suffer from chronic wounds every day
- Whether in hospital or at home, patients are likely to feel distressed about their chronic wound.
- Some wounds require specialist care from more than one type of health professional.
- The cost of dressings and treatment is unaffordable for some people, especially those on fixed incomes and pensions.
- In addition to the emotional stress, not receiving the most appropriate wound treatment means healing can be delayed

Let's talk

Suggested questions to ask yourself or your peers this week



How would you rate your level of understanding of this topic?

Watch a webinar, listen to a podcast, look at the websites. Learn something new.

There are over 5,700 different wound products approved for use in Australia - so each health services is likely to have different products in stock

What are the wound care products available to you in your role? Do you know the correct way to use them? Where can you find out this information?

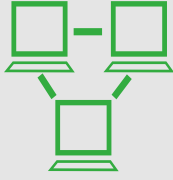
Recognising that not all nurses can be wound care specialists, what are the referral/resource pathways available to you in your organisation?

Find out what your pathways are and how to access them.

What are 2 new pieces of information you have learned about the topic this week?

Think about what you have learned. How can you use this learning going forward?

Loddon Mallee Activities and Resources



Tuesdays@2 Webinar

Tuesday 24th August, 2pm. Join the webinar via the [Bendigo Health Website](#)

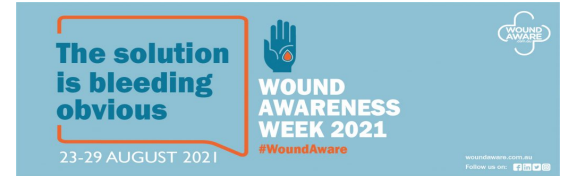
or via zoom <https://bendigohealth.zoom.us/j/93324155450?pwd=Nm9iSUZmSEI4enJHWFRheWRtaTdaUT09>

Speaker:

- Sally James - Regional Wounds Victoria Clinical Nurse Consultant (Loddon Mallee Region)

[National Wound Awareness Week](#)

23-29 August, 2021



What's on the Web?



E-Learning:

- Wounds Australia - [Education](#)
- Wound Innovations - [online education](#)
- Smith+Nephew - [Free online courses for nurses](#)
- Closer to zero - [Medical education \(free registration required\)](#)

Webcasts:

- Wounds Australia - [Video content](#) (membership required)
- Australian College of Nursing (2019) [The New International Guidelines for Prevention and Treatment of Pressure Ulcers/Injuries](#) [59:33]
- Telecare (2021) [Chronic Wounds: Venous ulcers](#)
- Woundcare Advisor (2017) [Skin damage associated with moisture and pressure](#)

Podcasts:

- NPS Medicinewise (2019) [Ulcer and Wound Management guidelines](#) [17:00]
- Cochrane Wounds - [Podcasts](#)

Web Sites:

- [Wounds Australia](#)
- Royal Children's Hospital - [Wound Assessment and Management](#)
- [Pan Pacific Pressure Injury Alliance](#)
- [Regional Wounds Victoria](#)
- [Bendigo Wound Management](#)
- [Tania Hobbs Wound Care \(Mildura\)](#)

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