

# Assessment and Current Treatment Modalities in Wound Care

Contact Hours: 6.75



## Introduction

This seminar is designed for healthcare clinicians who want to further their knowledge of caring for the patient with a wound. The anatomy and physiology of the integumentary system, aspects of comprehensive wound assessment and acute and chronic wounds will be reviewed.

Chronic wounds, which come from underlying disease, are often the most difficult for the bedside clinician to evaluate. The common and uncommon pathological disease states will be reviewed to provide the clinician with the knowledge to recognize the etiology of the wound and to analyze the assessment data to provide effective care leading to wound healing. A holistic approach to assessment and care of the wound patient is demonstrated throughout the seminar. Case studies are used to enhance the assimilation of knowledge.

A review of the following is incorporated into this interactive seminar:

- Wound etiologies
- Wound assessment
- Pressure ulcers
- Lower extremity wounds
- Skin tears
- Incontinence associated dermatitis
- Current treatments in wound care
- Factors that impede wound healing

## Objectives

1. Verbalize the ability to complete a thorough holistic wound assessment including pain, psychosocial and nutritional assessments
2. Correlate assessment parameters with various disease processes leading to wounds.
3. State the ability to distinguish between the different wound care dressing categories and link indications for each category.
4. Describe the four phases of wound healing and the impact of each phase on healing.
5. Describe the stages of pressure ulcers and interventions utilized to improve them.

6. State the ability to distinguish between common lower extremity wounds based on assessment findings, clinical manifestations and interventions to promote healing.
7. Verbalize the ability to assess skin tears and initiate interventions to promote healing.
8. Describe assessment findings consistent with incontinence associated dermatitis and interventions to improve skin integrity.
9. Correlate the principles of wound care to the external and internal factors that impede healing.

**Recent seminar participants had this to say about  
“Assessment and Current Treatment Modalities in Wound Care”:**



*“Outstanding session! Michelle was super-awesome with so much knowledge to share!! The information presented will help me better assess my patients and care for them in the acute care setting.”*

*“As a home care nurse, I will use this information daily. It has advanced my assessment techniques, taught be different types of treatments to use and will help to provide clearer education to patients.”*

*“Lots of very valuable information presented for all nurses dealing with wounds. The information was specific and directly related to daily practice. This is especially helpful to staff when the wound nurse is not available.”*

*“I loved this session! It was easy to understand and so informative! It helped me to identify type of wound/ulcer and best treatment for the patient. I learned advanced assessment techniques and about types of products not used in my facility and how to select them based on the needs of the patient.”*

*“Michelle covered a lot of very valuable information that is lacking in a small rural hospital with no access to a WCON. This will definitely impact the care we give to patients and will help with staff education and developing competencies for bedside nurses.”*



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