

**PRACTICE DEVELOPMENT NURSING IN WOUND MANGEMENT:
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Aim: This presentation will discuss the role of the Practice Development Nurse in Wound Care in a multicultural rapidly growing healthcare system.

Methods: With an increase in the population and growth of a city comes the expansion of healthcare services in all sectors. This city is known for its multicultural diversity, which creates challenges for healthcare professional to provide high quality care. This is especially true of wound management. The practice of modern wound management in this region faces many difficulties which include inequalities of both provision of and access to services, fragmentation between primary and tertiary health care provision, a patriarchal medical model, lack of professional regulatory framework and sharply differing levels of education and experience among health professionals.

Results: In November 2008 a Practice Development Nurse (PDN) was hired into the department of surgery with the main focus to evaluate and improve wound management in the organization. This resulted in a model of care developed by the PDN to provide the framework required to improve the quality of wound management to the organization and the community.

Conclusion: Presentation of this model will be discussed along with the successes and challenges of working within such an environment. The progression of wound management practices since the inception of this role will also be highlighted.