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The EWMA Document Surgical site Infections will be published as an online supplement to the Journal of Wound Care during spring 2019 and available for free download from the JWC website <https://www.magonlinelibrary.com/journal/jowc>

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## New EWMA Document

### Surgical Site Infections – Preventing and Managing Surgical Site Infections across Health Care Sectors

On behalf of the author group, we are pleased to introduce the new EWMA Document on surgical site infections, which will be published during the summer of 2019 in the Journal of Wound Care.

In the drafting of this publication, we have focussed on making the vast pool of published resources and guidelines available to readers in a more condensed and easily accessible format. Surgical site infections (SSI) are undeniably connected to the hospital setting, the patient, site of surgery and the surgical procedure itself. However, an often-overlooked aspect of SSI is its occurrence upon discharge from hospital to the home. This is why we have dedicated a special focus to the home care setting and the multidisciplinary approach needed to prevent SSI and secure treatment pathways outside the hospital setting.

#### Learn more about the document at the EWMA 2019 Conference

Key Session: EWMA Document Presentation:  
Surgical Site Infection - Preventing and Managing Surgical Site Infection Across Health Care Sectors

Date and time: Thursday 6 June, 11.15 –12.15  
Room: Session Room G2-G3

Speakers: Jan Stryja, Kylie Sandy-Hodgetts, Jennie Wilson and Karen Ousey.



#### Aims, objectives and scope of document

SSI is an unfortunate post-operative complication that affects many surgical patients worldwide, and the treatment of this type of wound is most likely to occur following discharge from an acute care setting. Whilst there are several guidelines for preventing and managing SSI in hospitals, there is an absence of guidelines for the optimum post-operative management in the home care setting. Furthermore, a set of recommendations on this topic covering primary and community health care professionals' roles remains absent from clinical resources.

#### The overall aims of this document are to:

- Highlight present knowledge with regard to the prevention and management of SSI in the primary and community health care sectors.
- Present a set of recommendations to guide clinical practice in the community setting for maximum patient healing outcomes following surgery.

#### More specifically, the main objectives of the document are to:

- Map SSI incidence, prevalence and high-risk areas, based on published information and data available from SSI registries.
- Present the principles of management of surgical wounds and the available modern techniques for the prevention and treatment of SSI across sectors.
- Provide a summary of evidence-based best perioperative practice recommendation to prevent SSI.

## Structure and content

This document is presented in 10 chapters. Chapter 1 is the introduction to the document and describes the aim and objectives of the work. Chapter 2 presents the methodology and terminology used in the document. Chapter 3 describes the epidemiology of SSI, while Chapter 4 discusses principles of the management of surgical wounds. Chapter 5 presents a summary of best practices for the pre-, intra- and post-operative phases. Chapter 6 discusses principles of post-operative care, and Chapter 7 presents contemporary methods of wound assessment and discusses the diagnosis of infection. Chapter 8 reports on current treatments for the clinical management of SSI. Chapter 9 summarises the main conclusions of the document, with Chapter 10 providing a brief look at new developments and highlighting areas that require further research.

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# EWMA Publications

*New and coming soon: Publications in 2019*



## *New EWMA Document:*

### **SURGICAL SITE INFECTIONS – PREVENTING AND MANAGING SURGICAL SITE INFECTIONS ACROSS HEALTH CARE SECTORS**

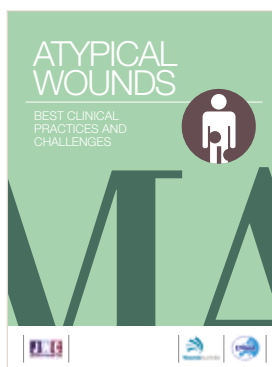
This document will provide guidance on how to deal with SSI management and prevention in hospitals and community care. The document is developed in collaboration with Wounds Australia and the Association for the Advancement of Wound Care (USA).

The document will be published as an online supplement to the Journal of Wound Care in spring 2019

The topic will be covered in a key session during the EWMA 2019 Conference:

Date and time: Thursday 6 June, 11.15 -12.15

Room: Session Room G2-3



## *New EWMA Document:*

### **ATYPICAL WOUNDS - BEST CLINICAL PRACTICES AND CHALLENGES**

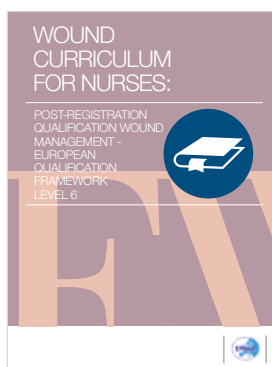
This document provides an overview of recent knowledge and evidence about atypical wounds, defined as wounds that cannot be placed in the primary categories of non-healing wounds.

The document will be published as an online supplement to the Journal of Wound Care in May 2019

The topic will be covered in a key session during the EWMA 2019 Conference:

Date and time: Wednesday 5 June, 13.45 -15.00

Room: Session Room F4-5



## *New EWMA Curriculum:*

### **WOUND CURRICULUM FOR NURSES: POST-REGISTRATION QUALIFICATION WOUND MANAGEMENT – EUROPEAN QUALIFICATION FRAMEWORK LEVEL 6**

EWMA has finalised the second curriculum (EQF Level 6) in a series of curricula developed for education covering levels 5–7 of the European Qualifications Framework (EQF). The aim of these is to support a common approach to post-registration qualification in wound management for nurses across Europe.

The EQF Level 6 curriculum was published as an online supplement to the Journal of Wound Care in February 2019.

The implementation of standardised wound management curricula are discussed in the EWMA Education session during the EWMA 2019 Conference:

Date and time: Wednesday 5 June, 13.45 -15.00

Room: Session Room G1