

EWMA Wound Centre Directory

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A wound centre must be accessible to chronic wound patients referred by hospitals, nursing homes, home care, or general practitioners. It should also serve as a resource for patients, caregivers, and clinical staff seeking advice on the prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of chronic wounds.

The centre clinical activities must be led by a health professional (doctor, nurse) trained in wound care. The centre must have direct or indirect access to the investigations, procedures and material needed to treat wounds efficiently.

The centre may provide services related to the treatment and care of some or all of the following wound types/skin conditions:

- Pressure ulcers
- Venous ulcers
- Arterial ulcers
- Diabetic foot/Neuropathic ulcers
- Other low-prevalence chronic ulcers (e.g., calciphylaxis, epidermolysis bullosa, neoplastic lesions, pyoderma gangrenosum, Hidradenitis suppurativa, etc.)
- Impaired skin integrity
- Open surgical wounds requiring closure by secondary intention
- Chronic surgical wounds
- Burns with chronic wound evolution