

AWMA GUIDELINES TO DEVELOPMENT OF COMPETENCY ASSESSMENT

Module Two: Pressure Injury Prevention and Management

1.0	Professional Practice	Standard 1, 2 & 3
1.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Practices in accordance with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) ▪ Complies with legislation, standards, codes and regulations governing each specialty 	
1.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provides a comprehensive assessment of the individual 'at risk' of pressure injury, existing pressure injury and the environment ▪ Early intervention and appropriate interprofessional referral as required 	
1.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identifies unsafe practice and has the ability to respond appropriately 	
2.0	Intellectual Knowledge and Understanding	Standard 1,2,3,4, 6 & 7
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Has a comprehensive understanding of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anatomy of general body skeletal structure with specifics to bony prominences • Soft tissue habitus e.g. body mass index (BMI), soft tissue wasting • Sensory, Motor Neuropathophysiology e.g. Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) & Diabetes Mellitus (DM) • Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD) • Iatrogenic mechanisms e.g. sedation • The pathophysiology and aetiology of pressure injuries • Management strategies for pressure prevention and management and ways to minimize same • Factors impairing wound healing and ways to minimize same • Signs and symptoms of the wound infection continuum 	
2.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Is able to perform a vascular assessment, particularly of the lower limb e.g. palpate lower limb pulses, capillary refill at pressure affected areas ▪ Is able to assess general skin condition ▪ Is able to differentiate between pressure related injury and moisture injuries ▪ Can identify evidence based practice related to management choices in prevention and management of pressure injuries 	

2.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identifies the psychosocial impact of pressure injuries ▪ Assists individuals to make decisions related to the impact of their management interventions 	
2.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Communicates strategies appropriate to the individual, their carer and interprofessional team members 	
2.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identifies the psychosocial impact of both acute and chronic wounds 	
3.0	Management of Pressure Injury	Standard 2,3,5 & 7
3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Locates and utilizes best available research 	
3.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Can develop safe intervention strategies ensuring other body parts are not put at further risk 	
3.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Utilizes available wound documentation systems and equipment within individual organizations 	
3.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Monitors and evaluates treatment outcomes 	
4.0	Collaborative Practice & Interprofessional Care	Standard 1,2,3 & 8
4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Promotes effective communication between other interprofessional team, individuals and carers 	
4.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recognises own limitations in relation to caring for individuals with pressure injuries and seeks further Interprofessional advice as required 	
4.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Liaises with relevant community and health care agencies in order to maintain continuity of care 	

Reference:

1. Australian Wound Management Association, Standards for Wound Management, 2nd edition, West Leederville WA, Cambridge Publishing, 2010. Available from <http://www.awma.com.au/publication>