

AWMA GUIDELINES TO DEVELOPMENT OF COMPETENCY ASSESSMENT

Module Three: Assessment and Management of Lower Leg Ulceration

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 practice ▪ Complies or utilises or implements Australian and New Zealand Clinical Practice Guideline for Prevention and Management of Venous Leg Ulcers 	
1.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provides a comprehensive assessment of the individual at risk of lower leg ulcers, existing lower leg ulcers ▪ Undertakes appropriate risk assessment, 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"> • The anatomy and physiology of the vascular and lymphatic systems in the lower leg • The aetiology of lower leg ulceration • The physiology of lower leg ulceration and tissue repair • Factors impairing wound healing and ways to minimise same • Signs and symptoms of the wound infection continuum 	
2.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Is able to perform a comprehensive vascular assessment of the lower limb ▪ Is able to differentiate between arterial, venous and other causes of lower limb ulceration ▪ Has the ability to identify risk factors associated with the development of lower limb ulceration ▪ Can identify evidence based practice related to management choices in prevention and management of lower limb ulceration 	
2.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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 & interprofessional team members 	
2.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identifies the psychosocial impact of lower leg ulceration 	

3.0	Management of Lower Limb Ulceration	Standard 2,3,5 & 7
3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Locates and utilises best available research 	
3.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Can safely apply compression bandaging systems and hosiery when clinically indicated 	
3.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Utilises available wound documentation systems and equipment within individual service provider 	
3.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Initiates systems for the evaluation of the provision of lower leg ulcer prevention strategies within all health care services 	
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 interprofessional team, individuals & carers 	
4.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Shares decision making with other health care professionals 	
4.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recognises own limitations in relation to caring for individuals with lower leg ulcer and seeks further Interprofessional advice as required 	
4.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Liaises with relevant community and health care agencies in order to maintain continuity of care 	

Based on:

1. Australian Wound Management Association, Standards For Wound Management, 2nd edition. West Leederville WA, Cambridge Publishing, 2010.
2. Australian and New Zealand Clinical Practice Guideline for Prevention and Management of Venous Leg Ulcers, 2011