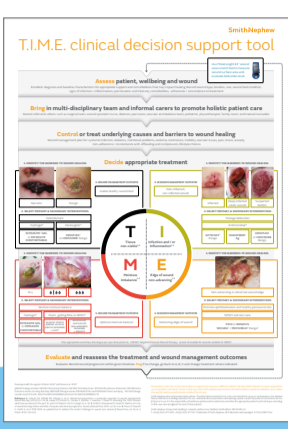



**+ Evidence in focus**

How the T.I.M.E. clinical decision support tool (CDST) can help enhance confidence and reduce variation with wound assessment and management: a consensus from the World Union of Wound Healing Societies

..... **What is the T.I.M.E. CDST?** .....






**CLICK TO VIEW**


- A teaching tool and memory aid for non-specialists treating wounds<sup>1</sup>
- Two versions: one with and one without product recommendations<sup>1,2</sup>
- Applies the principles of wound bed preparation as part of holistic patient care<sup>1</sup>
- A simple 1-page prompt for practice<sup>1</sup>

*"...it should be used not only for patients with wounds anticipated to be challenging, but for all patients who have wounds..."<sup>1</sup>*


..... **+ Plus points** .....




Provides a structured approach to wound management<sup>1,3-6</sup>




Enhances confidence and encourages evidence-based decisions<sup>1,3-7</sup>



Directs referrals to members of the multidisciplinary team<sup>1,4-7</sup>

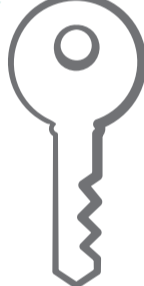


Drives consistency when integrated into local protocols and formularies<sup>1,4-7</sup>



Identifies knowledge gaps, supports education<sup>1,5</sup>

..... **How can it be used?** .....



**A SIMPLE APPROACH**


**Key challenge:** How can the T.I.M.E. CDST help to reduce practice variation and improve skills of all healthcare professionals in a systematic, consistent way?<sup>1</sup>

By adopting a simple **A, B, C, D, E** approach to wound management:

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>
<b>Assess</b> patient, wellbeing and wound	<b>Bring</b> in the multidisciplinary team and informal carers to promote holistic patient care	<b>Control</b> or treat underlying causes and barriers to wound healing	<b>Decide</b> appropriate treatment and determine short-term goals	<b>Evaluate</b> and reassess the treatment and wound management outcomes

*"A tool such as the T.I.M.E. CDST along with supportive education to understand the complexities of wound assessment will allow greater guidance for clinicians..."<sup>1</sup>*

..... **Use T.I.M.E. every time** .....



**AN OPTIMAL WOUND ASSESSMENT TOOL**


**T.I.M.E. CDST** incorporates all elements of an optimal wound assessment tool<sup>1,8</sup>

- ✓ **Wound characteristics** (site, duration, aetiology and dimensions)
- ✓ **Exudate level**    ✓ **Surrounding skin**    ✓ **Patient details**
- ✓ **Signs of infection**    ✓ **Pain**

**Using a wound assessment tool guides practice and improves:<sup>1,8</sup>**

Documentation, communication and continuity of care	Direction of care	Setting goals for healing and planning care	Monitoring of the healing process
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..... **T.I.M.E. CDST in practice** .....



**HELPS GUIDE CLINICIANS**

The **T.I.M.E. CDST** helps clinicians to identify barriers to healing, to select primary and secondary interventions, and to determine short-term goals.<sup>1</sup>

For detailed product information, including indications for use, contraindications, precautions and warnings, please consult the product's applicable Instructions for Use (IFU) prior to use.

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