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?

- A teaching tool and memory aid for non-specialists treating wounds1
- Two versions: one with and one without product recommendations

Plus points

- Applies the principles of wound bed preparation as part of holistic patient care2
- A simple 5-step prompt for practice

It could be used not only for patients with wounds anticipated to be challenging (for all patients whose wounds require care)3

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?

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

A: Assess

B: Bring

C: Control

D: Decide

E: Evaluate

A tool such as the T.I.M.E. CDST along with supportive guidelines to understand the components of wound assessment will allow greater guidance for clinicians4–7

Use T.I.M.E. every time

A OPTIMAL WOUND ASSESSMENT TOOL

T.I.M.E. CDST incorporates all elements of an optimal wound assessment tool8

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

Using a wound assessment tool guide practice and improve1

T.I.M.E. CDST in practice

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.1

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