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The T.I.M.E. clinical decision support tool (CDST) – developed by experts to facilitate consistency in wound care to help improve patient outcomes



### Overview

- The T.I.M.E. principles of wound assessment and management have been widely adopted into clinical practice
  - However, international wound care practice remains inconsistent
- An international group of experts revisited T.I.M.E. to apply increased scientific understanding of wound healing and its management
- As a result, the T.I.M.E. CDST was developed as an easy to use, practical tool that provides a holistic framework for managing chronic wounds

#### Results

- Key elements of T.I.M.E. CDST are thorough patient evaluation, MDT involvement, wound assessment and treatment, and regular reassessment (Figure)
- An 'A, B, C, D, E' approach is proposed that healthcare professionals can follow within their procedural guidelines:
  - A. Assess patient, wellbeing and wound
  - B. Bring in MDT and informal carers to promote holistic care
  - C. Control or treat underlying causes and barriers to wound healing
  - D. Decide appropriate treatment
  - Evaluate and reassess the treatment and wound management outcomes

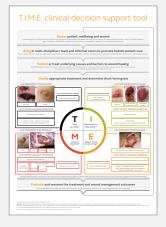


Figure. T.I.M.E. CDST – a simple framework for assessment and management of chronic wounds, including holistic patient assessment and MDT involvement

## **Conclusions**

The T.I.M.E. CDST provides a simple and accessible holistic framework that may help facilitate consistency in the delivery of wound care with the aim of improving patient outcomes.

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