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

**Plus points**

A simple, accessible, evidence-based framework to assess and manage chronic wounds

T.I.M.E. CDST includes comprehensive patient assessment

Uses a multidisciplinary team (MDT) approach that promotes holistic care

**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
  E. Evaluate and reassess the treatment and wound management outcomes

**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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