



Quick Start Guide

Chronic Wound Consumables Scheme (CWCS)

What is the CWCS?

The **Chronic Wound Consumables Scheme** is a government-funded program providing **eligible patients** with **subsidised access** to wound consumables.

It supports improved care for Australians with **chronic wounds lasting more than 30 days**.

Step 1: Check Patient Eligibility

- ✓ **Australian residents** with a chronic wound (>30 days) who are:
 - aged over 65 years
 - a First Nations person aged 50 years or over
 - ✓ Managed by a **Health professional**:
 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners
 - Medical practitioners in a primary care setting, including general practitioners
 - Registered nurses and nurse practitioners
 - Podiatrists
 - ✓ Not an inpatient or receiving wound consumables via another funding scheme
 - 🔗 Check details at <https://www.health.gov.au/our-work/cwcs> to confirm patient eligibility.
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Step 2: Complete Training & Register as a Health Professional using the Portal

- ✓ Enrol for training, for any learning module questions contact cwcs-training@monash.edu
- 🔗 [Enrol - CWCS Training](#)
- ✓ Complete and pass all courses and assessments
- ✓ Register for a PRODA account
- 🔗 [Create an individual PRODA account](#)
- ✓ Register for the Chronic Wound Consumables Scheme



Step 3: Assess and Register Patient Order Consumables

- ✓ **Assess the wound** and determine the appropriate dressing type
 - Search for participant **with Medicare number, first name and date of birth**
 - If not found **select -Register**
- ✓ Go to **Order wound care products and Place an Order**
 - Input patient details
 - Search approved products via menus or search.
 - Search via name or category (e.g. ALLEVYN◇, IODOSORB◇, ACTICOAT◇) or Foam dressing
 - Add the products and quantities to your wound cart
- ✓ **Provide delivery details:** you can select patient or practice address

Tip: You can access the full list of subsidised items via [Chronic Wounds Consumable Scheme Product List | Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing](#)

Step 4: Reassess and Continue Care

- ➡ Patients can access consumables for up to **12 weeks**, with ongoing reassessment
- 🔍 Best practice: Review wounds regularly and escalate if non-healing

Need Help Selecting Products?

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- ✚ Clinical support and education
- ✚ CWCS product guides and application videos
- ✚ Wound assessment tools
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