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Healable Wound		Goals of Treatment	Suggested Primary Dressing	Suggested Secondary Dressing
Tissue Type				
Eschar None to low levels of exudate	Autolytic debridement Hydrate wound bed	Hydrogel Non-adherent contact layer	Foam Gauze Hydrocolloid	
Slough None to low levels of exudate No NERDS criteria	Autolytic debridement Moisture Balance	Hydrogel	Foam Gauze Hydrocolloid	
Slough Medium to high levels of exudate and/or 3 or more NERDS criteria +/-pain	Absorb exudate Autolytic debridement Avoid peri-wound maceration Treat superficial infection	Antimicrobial dressing Cadexomer/Povidone Iodine Calcium Alginate Foam Hydrofibre Hydrophilic	Absorbent pads Foam Gauze Retention dressing, burn net on lower extremities No ABD pads	
Granulation Clean, red None to low levels of exudate No NERDS criteria	Moist wound healing Migration of epithelium Protect new tissue	Acrylic Foam Hydrogel Hydrocolloid Non-adherent contact layer	Retention dressing, burn net on lower extremities Acrylic, Hydrocolloid and bordered foams self-adhere	
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Epithelium Red, pink None to low levels of exudate No NERDS criteria	Migration of epithelium Moist wound healing Protect new tissue	Acrylic Foam Hydrocolloid Non-adherent contact layer	Retention dressing if needed	
Local infection Low to high levels of exudate 3 or more NERDS criteria +/-pain	Treat superficial infection Debride eschar/slough	Antimicrobial dressing Cadexomer/Povidone Iodine	Absorbent pads Foam Retention dressing, burn net on lower extremities	

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Maintenance Wound		Goal of Treatment	Suggested Primary Dressing	Suggested Secondary Dressing
Tissue Type				
	Eschar No exudate	Keep dry and free from infection Pain control	Paint with Povidone Iodine, allow to dry	Gauze
	Slough None to low levels of exudate	Keep dry and free from infection Pain control	Paint with Povidone Iodine, allow to dry	Gauze Retention dressing, use burn net on lower extremities
	Local Infection low to high exudate 3 or more NERDS criteria +/- pain	Keep dry and free from infection Pain control	Paint with Povidone Iodine, allow to dry	Gauze (low exudate) Absorbent dressing (mod-high exudate), foam, sterile absorbent, non-sterile absorbent No ABD pads

Non-Healable Wound		Goal of Treatment	Suggested Primary Dressing	Suggested Secondary Dressing
Tissue Type				
	Necrotic No exudate	Keep dry and free from infection Pain control	Paint with Povidone Iodine, allow to dry	Gauze Retention dressing, use burn net on lower extremities and fragile skin
	Infected low to high exudate	Keep dry and free from infection Odour absorption Pain control	Paint with Povidone Iodine, allow to dry Charcoal if odour	Gauze Retention dressing, use burn net on lower extremities and fragile skin