



# Tissue Viability Bulletin August 2022

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## Articles

### **The challenges of dark skin tone assessment: the importance of language**

*As you are probably aware, at Wounds UK we are invested in raising the profile of the challenges of assessing the skin of patients with dark skin tones. We have an amazing Best Practice Statement document "Addressing skin tone bias in wound care: assessing signs and symptoms in people with dark skin tones" (Wounds UK, 2021) and held a very successful conference on the topic in Manchester in May.*

*Wounds UK, 2022 18 (2) 6-8*

### **Could X-ray Predict Long-term Complications in Patients with Diabetic Foot Osteomyelitis?**

*The occurrence of diabetic foot ulcers with underlying osteomyelitis is a frequent complication of diabetic foot syndrome and the most common diabetic foot infection (DFI).<sup>1,2</sup> Diabetic foot osteomyelitis (DFO) is found in 50% to 60% of severe DFI cases<sup>3</sup> and is defined as any foot infection with associated systemic manifestations of the systemic inflammatory response syndrome.*

*Advances in Wound Care, 2022 35 (8) 1-5*

## **Best Practice and Guidelines**

### **International Wound Infection Institute 2022**

#### **Wound infection in clinical practice : principles of best practice**

*Wound infection continues to be challenging for people with a wound, their families and health professionals. Wound infection can lead to protracted wound healing, multiple health service visits and increased hospital admission duration. This comes at significant economic cost and negatively impacts quality of life outcomes for the person with a wound and their family. Accurate and timely identification of the signs and symptoms of wound infection are critical to achieving effective management of wound infection*

Available from: <https://www.woundsinternational.com/resources/details/wound-infection-in-clinical-practice-principles-of-best-practice>



### **Cochrane Library 2022**

#### Dressings and topical agents for the management of open wounds after surgical treatment for sacrococcygeal pilonidal sinus.

*Sacrococcygeal pilonidal sinus disease is a common debilitating condition that predominantly affects young adults, with a profound impact on their activities of daily living. The condition is treated surgically, and in some cases, the wound in the natal cleft is left open to heal by itself. Many dressings and topical agents are available to aid healing of these wounds.*

Available from: [Dressings and topical agents for the management of open wounds after surgical treatment for sacrococcygeal pilonidal sinus - Herrod, PJ - 2022 | Cochrane Library](#)

### **Cochrane Library 2022**

#### Interventions for managing medication-related osteonecrosis of the jaw (Review)

*Medication-related osteonecrosis of the jaw (MRONJ) is a severe adverse reaction experienced by some individuals to certain medicines commonly used in the treatment of cancer and osteoporosis (e.g. bisphosphonates, denosumab, and antiangiogenic agents), and involves the progressive destruction of bone in the mandible or maxilla.*

Available from:

<https://www.cochranelibrary.com/cdsr/doi/10.1002/14651858.CD012432.pub3/epdf/full>

### **GOV.UK 2022**

#### Surveillance of surgical site infections in NHS hospitals in England April 2020 to March 2021

*In financial year 2020 to 2021, 168 NHS hospitals representing 117 NHS trusts and 8 Independent Sector (IS) NHS treatment centres submitted surveillance data for 64,111 surgical procedures to the Public Health England (now UK Health Security Agency, UKHSA) Surgical Site Infection (SSI) Surveillance Service. Across 17 surgical categories, 591 SSIs were detected during the inpatient stay or on readmission.*

Available from: [Surveillance of surgical site infections in NHS hospitals in England: April 2020 to March 2021 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

### **Wounds UK 2022**

#### Wound preparation by cleansing and debridement using Alprep® Pad

*Wound preparation, which encompasses cleansing and debridement, involves preparing the skin and all areas of the wound for healing. Cleansing and debridement are clinically proven to speed up wound healing by removing slough, devitalised tissue and biofilm (Wilcox et al, 2013). Removing the barriers that may delay wound healing is a crucial step in wound care, allowing wound assessment, reducing risk of infection and promoting development of healthy tissue*

Available from: [Wound preparation by cleansing and debridement using Alprep Pad - Wounds UK \(wounds-uk.com\)](#)



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