



## Book review

### *Wound Healing and Skin Integrity: Principles and Practice*

This comprehensive wound care book offers a valuable resource to anyone involved in the prevention and management of wounds and skin integrity. It is a practical, well-researched text covering a wide range of issues within the speciality by leading international experts in the field.

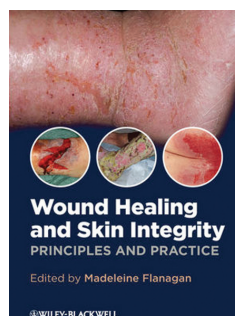
In *Wound Healing and Skin Integrity: Principles and Practice*, the authors acknowledge that wound care and skin integrity requires a multiprofessional approach that cuts across traditional service boundaries.

The contributing authors reflect the nature of the multidisciplinary team required to develop and promote advanced wound care for the needs of wound care patients today. The book has been written from a broad international perspective and will, therefore, be of value to the global wound care community.

The book is divided into three distinct sections. Section one covers the principles of best practice for all wound types, including a review of evidence-based practice and how to improve healing outcomes through the decisions we make as clinicians. It also covers the physiology of skin integrity and wound healing, and the general principles of wound management, including an overview of wound dressing and therapy choices, wound infection, and the psychological impact of a wound on the patient.

Section two focuses on challenging wounds – their prevention and management – and includes discussion of the specific needs of pressure ulcers, diabetic foot disease, chronic ulcers of the lower limb, lymphoedema, malignant wounds, skin integrity, dermatology, and surgical wounds.

An additional chapter focussing on neglected wounds encourages the reader to expand their knowledge and skills on more unusual wound types, such as body piercings, bullous pemphigoid, calciphylaxis, fistulas, necrotising fasciitis, self-inflicted wounds, and skin tears. One of the key principles of this section is ensuring clinical management pathways are appropriate for the patient and the wound, so as to achieve the best outcome.



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The third section discusses wounds within the context of the health economy and the application of best practice principles to reduce the human and economic costs of wounds. The final section leaves the reader with some insight into future directions for the speciality of wound care and skin integrity.

The book supports best practice decision-making when caring for patients with wounds and skin integrity issues. There is a useful resource section at the end of each chapter that points the reader to best practice statements and other useful documents and websites. The book has the additional value of practice points running through the text that are useful for both advanced and novice clinicians.

*Wound Healing and Skin Integrity: Principles and Practice* is an easy-to-read text with useful illustrations and tables that bring life to the text and keep the reader interested. It will make a welcome addition to the library of the multidisciplinary wound care team member. I would recommend it to anyone who wants to improve or validate their knowledge and skills in the fields of wound healing and skin integrity. ■

#### REVIEWER DETAILS

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