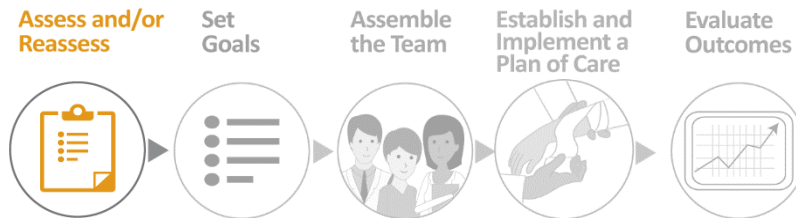


Assess/Reassess

Wounds Prevention and Management Cycle

Tip Sheet



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The goals of a holistic assessment of a client with a wound are to identify:

- The correct wound etiology.
- The client's goals for the wound and the expected healing outcome.
- Client, environment and healthcare system factors that may affect healing and goal achievement.
- The team members that need to be included in the plan of care.
- The plan of care, including the correct treatment to meet the goals.

A holistic assessment of a client with a wound considers 3 domains:

- 1) The person (client):
 - Health history and health status, including nutritional status, medications and diagnostics.
 - Physical assessment, including wound assessment.
 - Psychosocial factors.
 - Pain assessment and management.
- 2) The person's environment:
 - Housing and food security.
 - Employment, income and finances.
 - Social supports, culture and traditions.
 - Health behaviours.
 - Education and literacy.
- 3) The availability of health care access, and impact of the health care system.
 - Coordination of care and communication between team members.
 - Funding and access to services
 - Access to products, equipment and resources.
 - Access to skilled and appropriate care providers.
 - Availability of, or barriers, due to, policies, guideline, and clinical standards.