B.9. WOUND OUTCOMES MEASUREMENT TOOLS

B.9.3 Photographic Wound Assessment Tool (PWAT)

9.3.a Purpose
Wound Assessment is critical to monitoring the effectiveness of treatment for all wounds. In clinical wound assessment using the same technique is the only way to monitor healing outcomes.

The PWAT is a pen-and-paper tool with 6 items that describe the appearance of the wound bed, periulcer skin, and wound edges – wound characteristics that can be that can be determined from wound photographs. Each item is ranked on a scale of 0 to 4 to yield a total score of between 0 and 24, with 0 equaling a well healed wound. It was designed to examine the validity and reliability of using photographs of wounds to accurately assess wound status, and has proven to be reliable. It can be used to detect changes in wound appearance over time.

9.3.b PWAT form and Instructions for use

9.3.c Resources

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