

# Wound Referral Guide



## Wounds

- **Wounds**
- All non-viable tissue if currently under the care of Vascular, Plastics or Dermatology refer back in the first instance - check for historical information within SCI Store
- Surgical wounds within 6 weeks of surgery, refer back to Consultant in first instance - get permission to involve Tissue Viability if required
- Lower leg wounds should initially be assessed using the **Lower Leg Ulcers Pathway** to identify the most appropriate referral / specialist
- **Applied Wound Management Assessment and Continuation Chart (AWM)** must be completed and maintained for all wounds (excludes healing primary closed wounds)



## Pressure Ulcers

- **New Pressure Ulcers**
  - Datix report all newly developed pressure ulcers, this is an adverse event - **follow adverse event PU Duty of Candour flowchart**
  - All Diabetic Foot Ulcers to be referred to Specialist Podiatrist within 2 working days
- **Existing Pressure Ulcers**
  - Ankle/Heel/Foot/Toes refer to local Podiatrist, for ongoing advice and support where required
  - All other pressure ulcers - refer to Tissue Viability via **eclinic** for ongoing advice and support where required
  - Registered nurse to implement prevention and treatment at time of discovery - think **SSKIN**
  - Surface - Skin Inspection - Keep Moving - Incontinence - Nutrition



## NHSG Tissue Viability

- **e-clinic**
  - Check SCI Store for any previous TV treatment recommendations
  - Include a completed **referral form** with clinical images of the wound/s, one close up and one from a distance showing the surrounding area/s
  - All **chronic** wounds within primary care, to be assessed prior to referral using the **9 Step Wound Assessment Tool - 9SWAT**
- Acute Referrals: (acute NHSG Hospitals, NHS Orkney & Shetland) **gram.tissueviabilityacute@nhs.scot**
- Community Referrals: (Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire and Moray) **gram.tissueviability@nhs.scot**

### Document Links

[Lower Leg Ulcers Pathway](#) – [AWM](#) – [Adverse Event Pressure Ulcer Duty of Candour](#) – [9SWAT](#) – [e-clinic referral form](#) – [First Choice Dressing Guide](#)