

Topical antimicrobials (antiseptics)

Iodine, Silver, Honey



Iodine



Silver



Honey

Enzymatic debridement

- Proteolytic enzyme, also called Proteinase
- Proteinase breaks the long chainlike molecules of proteins into shorter fragments (peptides) and eventually into their components, amino acids
- Patients with chronic wounds have been treated since hundreds of years topically with proteolytic enzymes (fruit juices i.e. kiwi, papaya fruit extracts)

- Not registered for use on wounds in NZ!



Biosurgical debridement

- Biosurgical debridement is the use of sterile maggots or larvae
- The sterile larvae of the green bottle fly *Lucila sericata*
- Maggot secretions contain antibacterial substances that reduce bacterial load
- Proteolytic enzymes cause eschar degradation
- Promote wound healing

Deposition of eggs
in the fleece

1st Larval Stage.
No mouthparts

**Average life cycle
2-4 weeks**

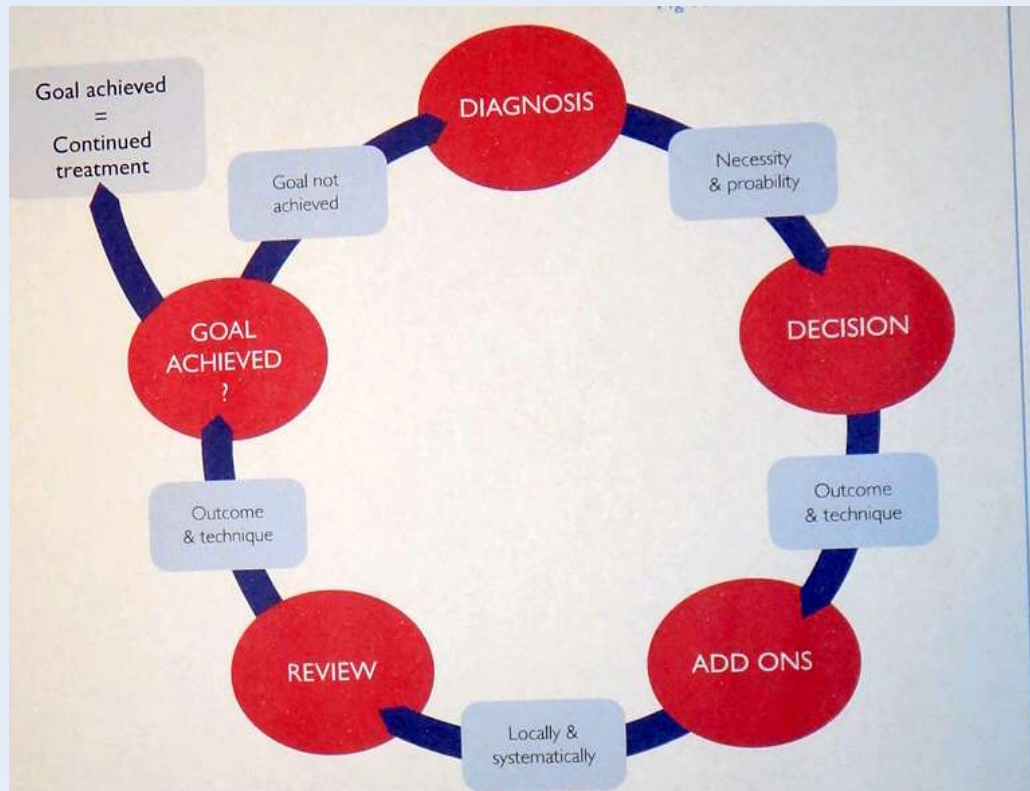
Fly emergence
after 2 weeks
warm weather

2nd and 3rd Larval
Stages. Mouthparts very
active and feed constantly.

Pupation



Debridement Quality cycle



Terminology

Diagnosis:

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Decision:

Decision on the outcome that should be achieved, the time by which it can be achieved and, depending on this, the techniques that should be used.

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Additional measures needed to secure a successful debridement process, such as optimising tissue for debridement, locally and additional systemic measures to secure successful debridement, e.g. relieve pressure, treat infection, induce blood flow and optimise comorbidities.

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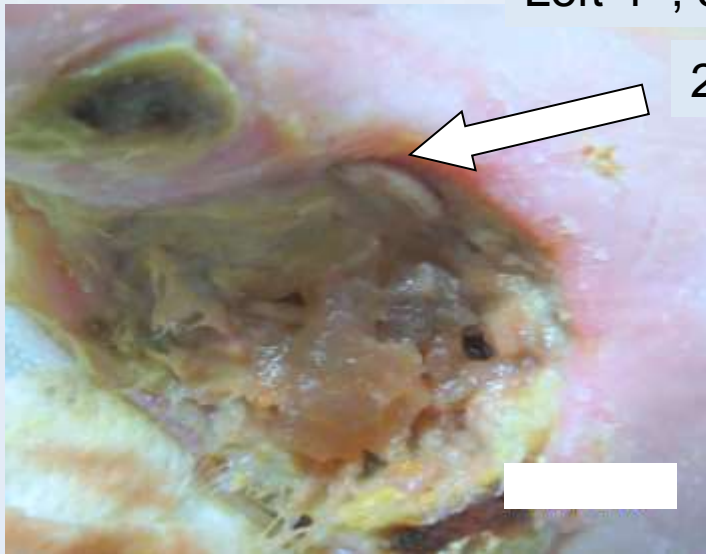
Goal:

If optimal debridement result has been achieved, continue the management of the individual with the wound. If optimal debridement has not been achieved, re-diagnose and repeat the debridement process cycle.

Patient	Treatment	Outcome
83 year old female, Alzheimer's, Diabetes, poor control, non healing amputation of 4th and 5 th toe 4 month ago	4 debridement's with LFUD, NPWT	Healing well, treated with intrasite conformable, rocker boot



Left 4th, 5th metatarsal



Sharp and Surgical Debridement

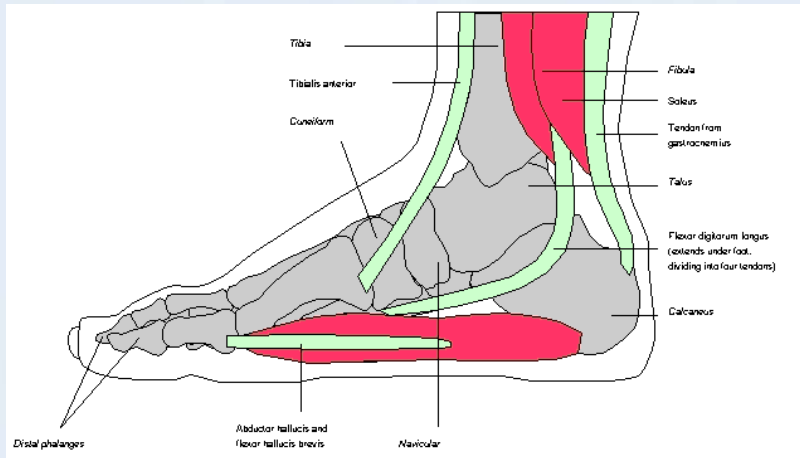
The rapid removal of necrotic tissue with blade or scissors

- Sharp debridement is conservative frequently leaving a thin margin of necrotic tissue
- Surgical debridement is more extensive, converting a chronic to an acute wound



Sharp debridement

- Know and understand the anatomy
- Be able to recognize structures and distinguish viable tissue
- Have adequate equipment, access, lighting and assistance
- Obtain informed consent
- Manage pain and discomfort
- Be able to deal with complications
- Recognize your and the techniques limitations



Sharp Curette Debridement



Disposable Curette

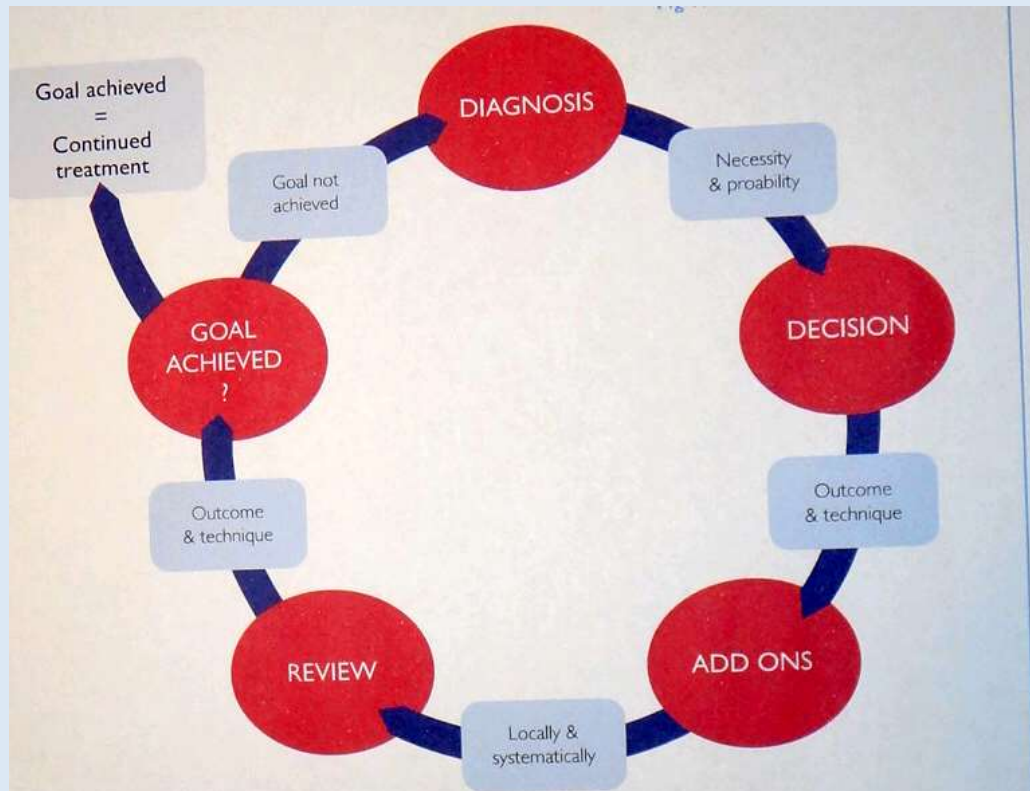


LOW FREQUENCY ULTRASOUND DEBRIDEMENT

- Low-frequency ultrasound can provide a debridement alternative for surgical debridement
- Ultrasonic waves are also claimed to lead to destruction of bacteria and disruption of biofilms



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Define your method of debridement



Define your dressing plan – antimicrobial



Ask 'what do I want the dressing to do...?'

Rehydrate?

Absorb exudate?

Deslough?

Reduce bacterial contamination?

Promote granulation?

Promote a moist / dry wound bed



Adjunct treatment – compression bandaging



Review and adjust

Patient	Treatment	Outcome
VLU, SSG failed twice, painful, not able to sleep or tolerate compression	LFUD, silver dressings, PICO, compression bandaging, stockings	47.8 cm ² now down to 8.9 cm ²



Summary

- Debridement has a pivotal role in the progression of a wound to granulation, contraction and epithelisation
- Debridement must be understood as an ongoing process in conjunction with other treatment approaches
- Aim is to create a beneficial situation supporting various clinical goals related to wound management
- Form of debridement depends on type of tissue, the tools available and the clinical environment
- The clients quality and stage of life must be part of the care planning



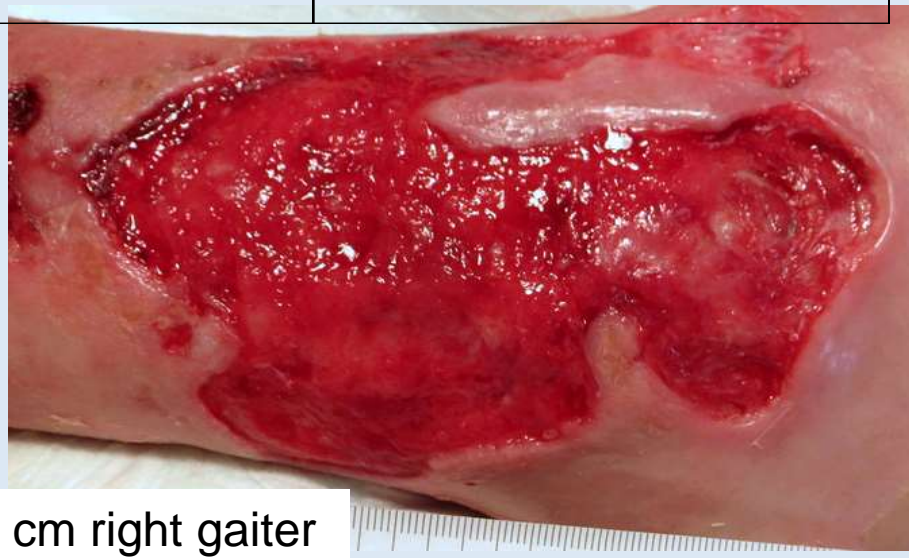
From your
Wound Care Nurse
Have a lovely day !



Patient	Treatment	Outcome
75 year old female, history of 45 years on and off venous leg ulcers, 4/12 old VLU medial right malleolus,	Admitted acutely for pain and infection, debrided twice with LFUD under LA , NPWT, compression bandaging	SSG, complete healing



Patient	Treatment	Outcome
75 year old female, 6/12 old, large medial malleolus right leg ulcer, ABPI 0.55, diabetes,	Debrided on the ward using EMLA 5 %	SSG, 100 % take and survival



13.7 by 12.8 cm right gaiter



Day 6



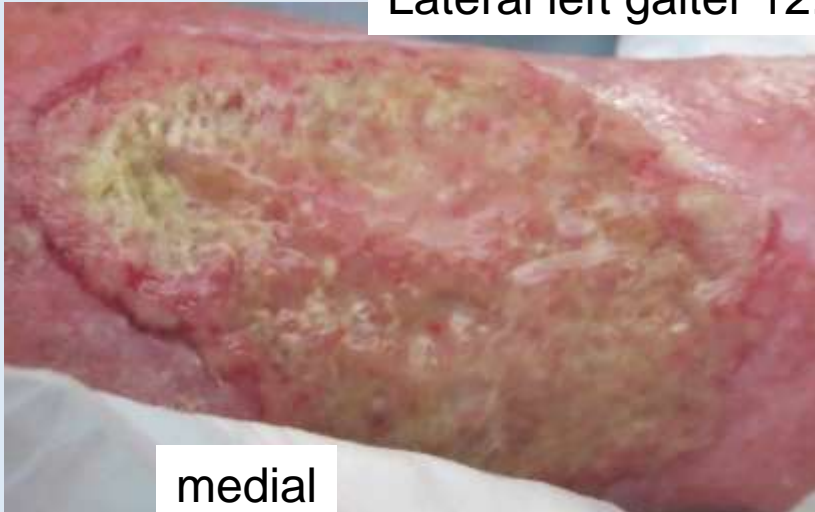
Day 10

Patient 13	Treatment	Outcome
82 year female, history of increasing very painful left leg ulcer gaiter area, now circumferential, pain 10/10, not tolerating compression, Tendon exposure	NPWT, SSG after several treatments with EMLA + LA Xylocaine prior to LFUD over a 3 week period	95 % healed skin graft, able to wear compression stockings class 1, lives independently again

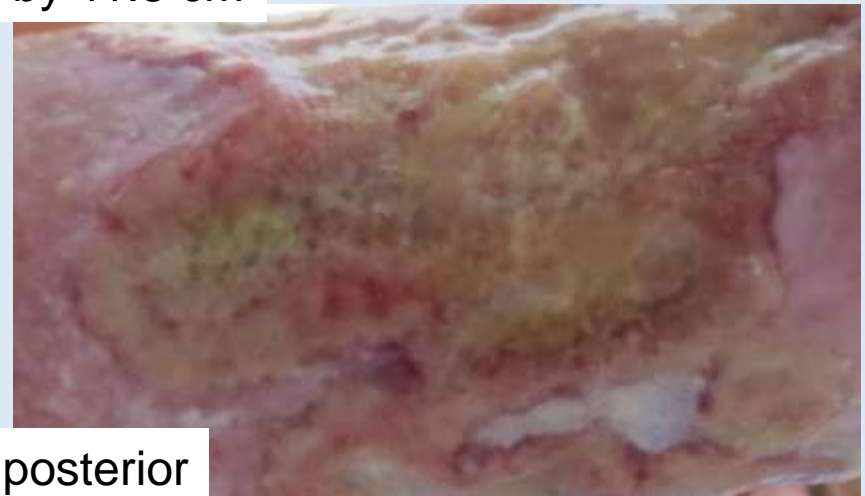


Thick, tenacious, unhealthy Granulation tissue

Lateral left gaiter 12.2 cm by 11.8 cm

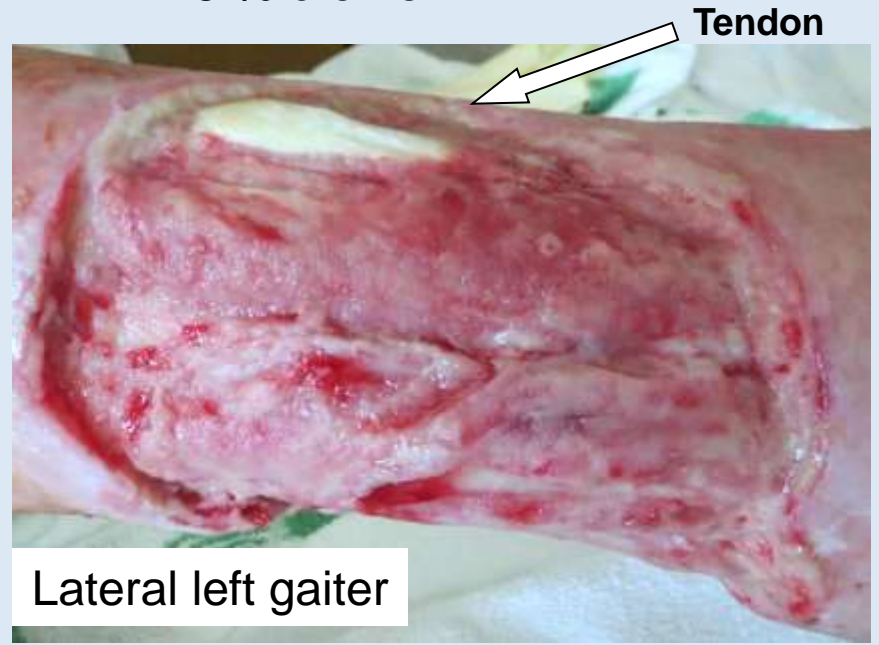


medial

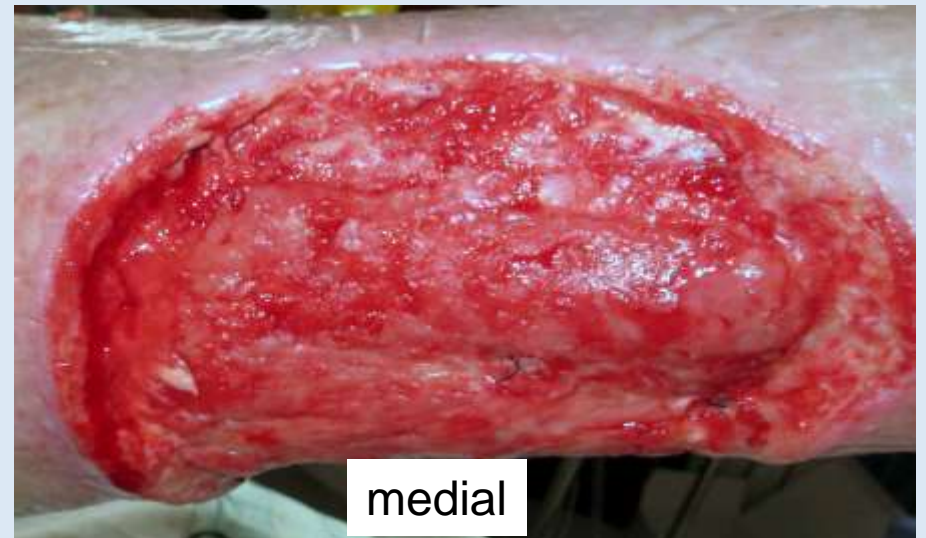
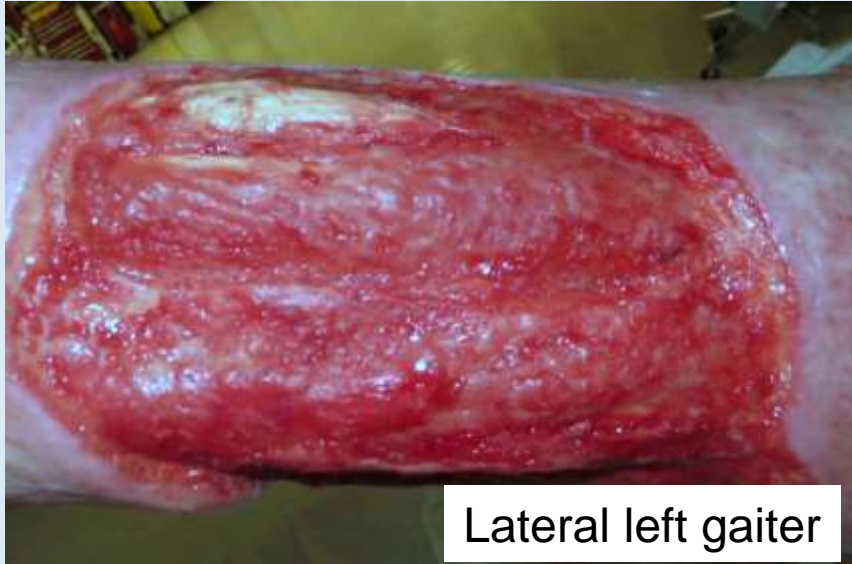


posterior

3rd treatment with LFUD - EMLA 5 % crème



4th treatment with LFUD - EMLA 5 % crème + NPWT





SSG in MOT 3 wks after start of treatment,
Acticoat flex + NPWT



10 days after SSG



Posterior



Lateral left gaiter

Debridement and TIME

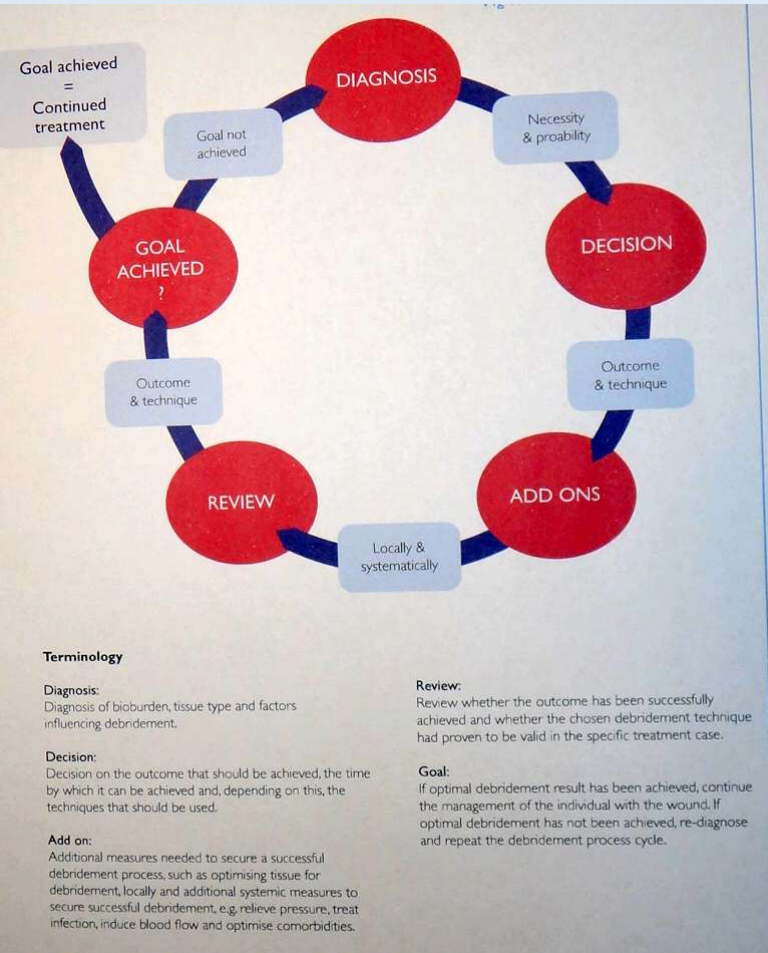


- T – issue
- I – Infection and/or inflammation
- M – moisture imbalance
- E – edge



LFUD debridement of VLU

Dry fibrin - the wound edges show that fibrin represents a barrier to healing



What would you do?

Dictionary

- The word debridement derives from the French *débridement*, which means to *remove a constraint*
- In clinical medicine this term was first used by Henri Le Dran, a French surgeon (1685–1770), in the context of an incision to promote drainage and relieve of tension
- He stated that cancer progressed in stages, and that it began as a local organic disease. He advocated surgery for cancer before the tumor was allowed to metastasize
- Also described “shock” as a treatise on gunshot wounds as a sudden impact or jolt

ECCO
Early Eighteenth-Century
Classical Collection
The Folios

Medicine, Science and Technology

Observations in surgery: containing one hundred and fifteen different cases, with particular remarks on each, Written originally in French, by Henry-Francis Le Dran. A new chirurgical dictionary. The third edition.

Henri-François Le Dran



Amputation isn't debridement



Wound revision isn't debridement



Slough or necrosis delays wound healing



- Prolongs the inflammatory stage of healing
- Focus for infection
- Impedes re-epithelialisation
- Discomfort for the patient
- Reduced quality of life

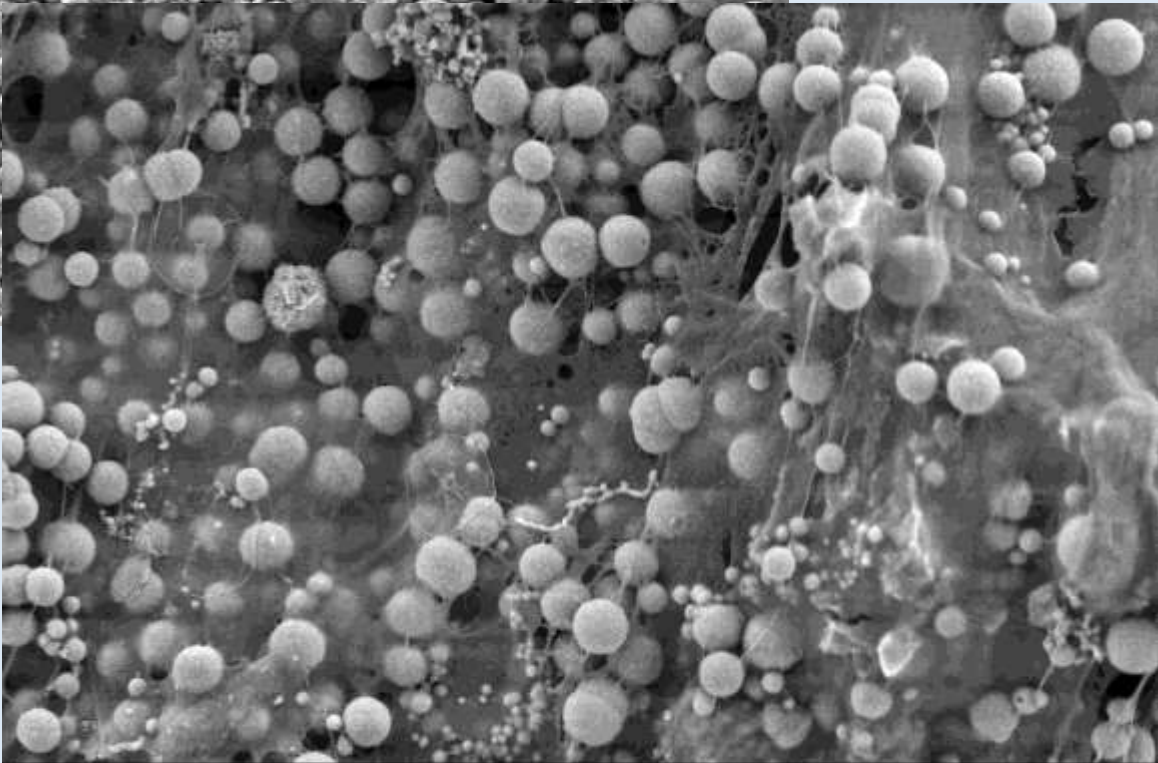
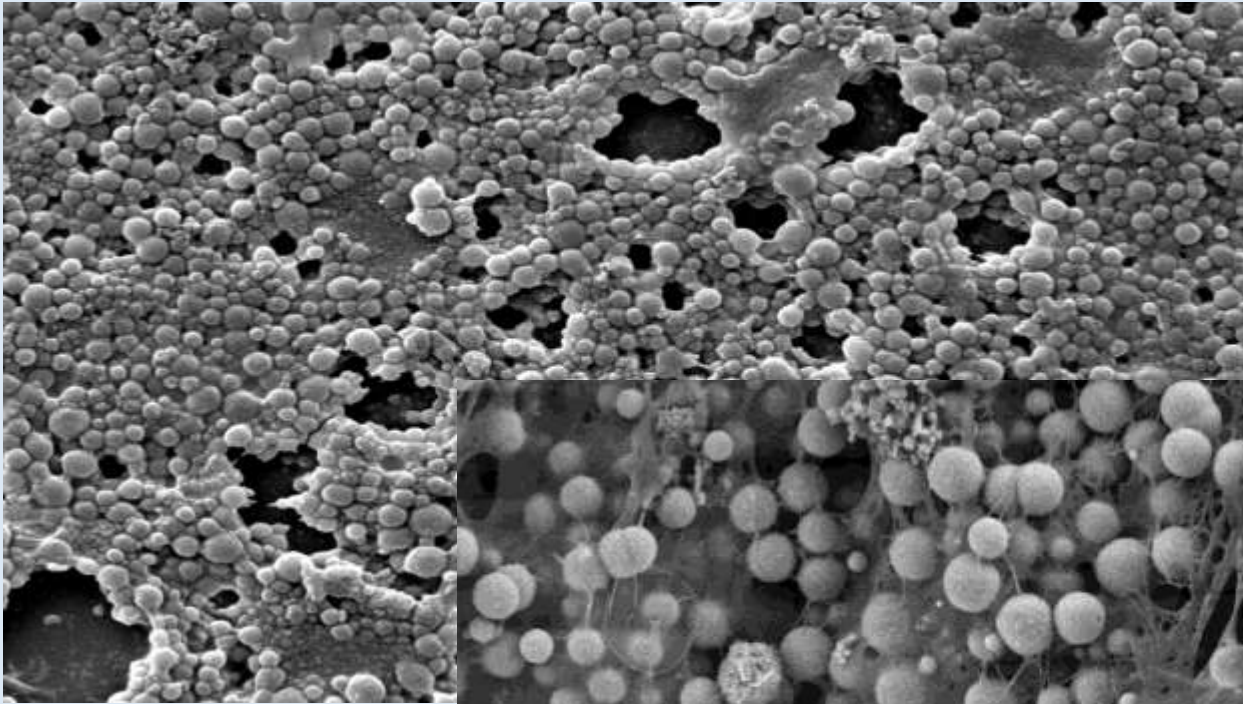
Branding is not debridement



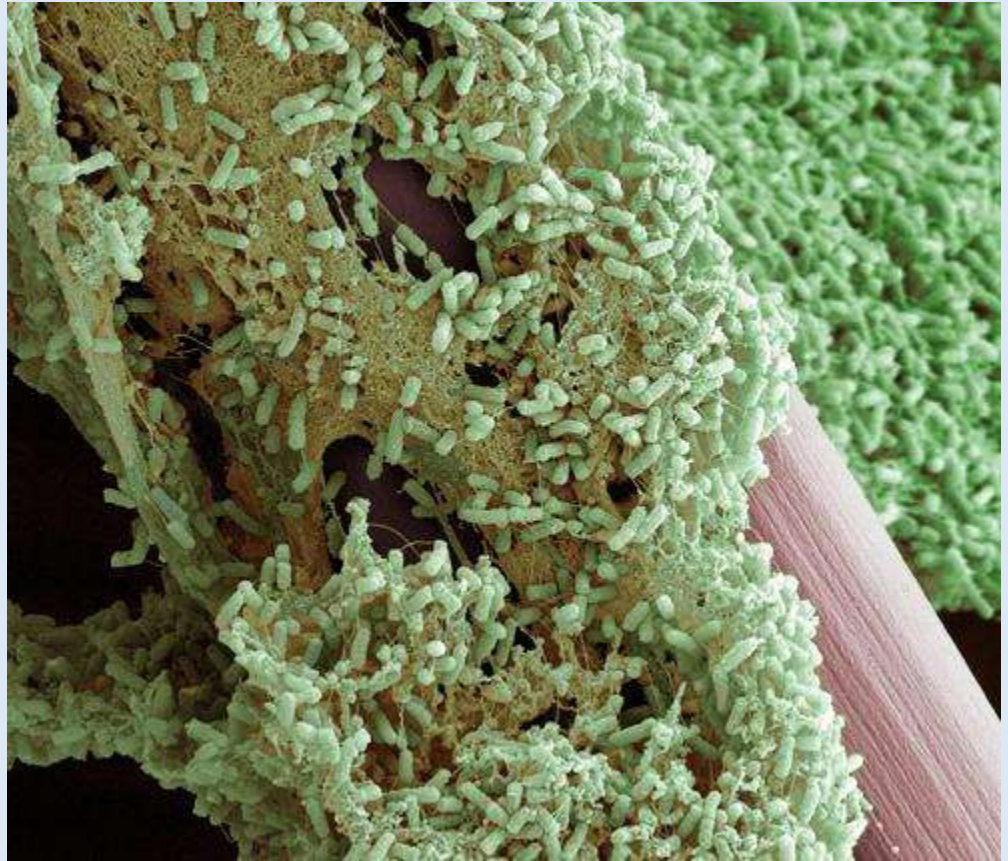
Resection of functional tissue isn't debridement

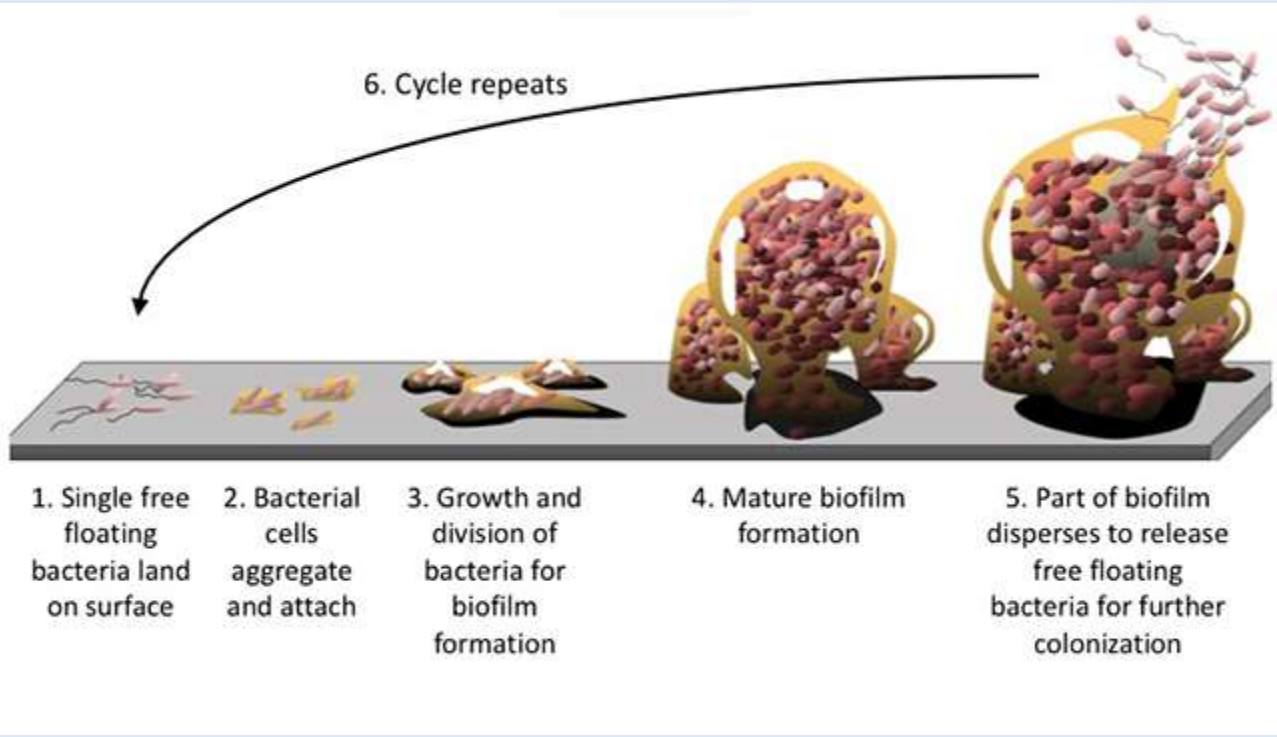


Reconstruction for Soft Tissue Sarcomas of the Foot and Ankle



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WD = 4 mm Photo No. = 1436 Time :16:31





Biofilms interfere in Antibiotic Therapy

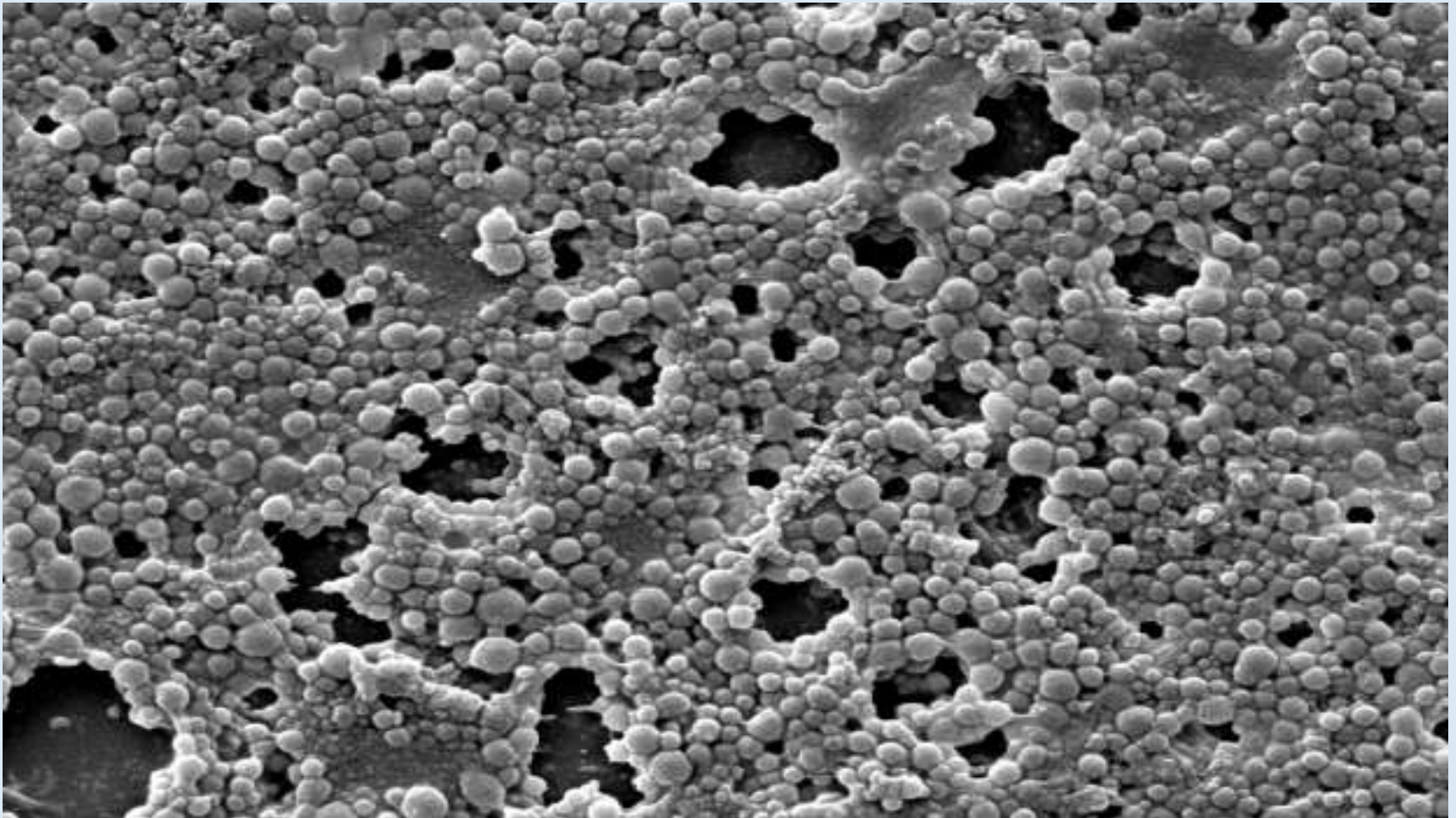
- Bacteria growing in a biofilm are highly resistant to antibiotics, up to 1,000 times more resistant than the same bacteria not growing in a biofilm. Standard **antibiotic therapy** is often useless

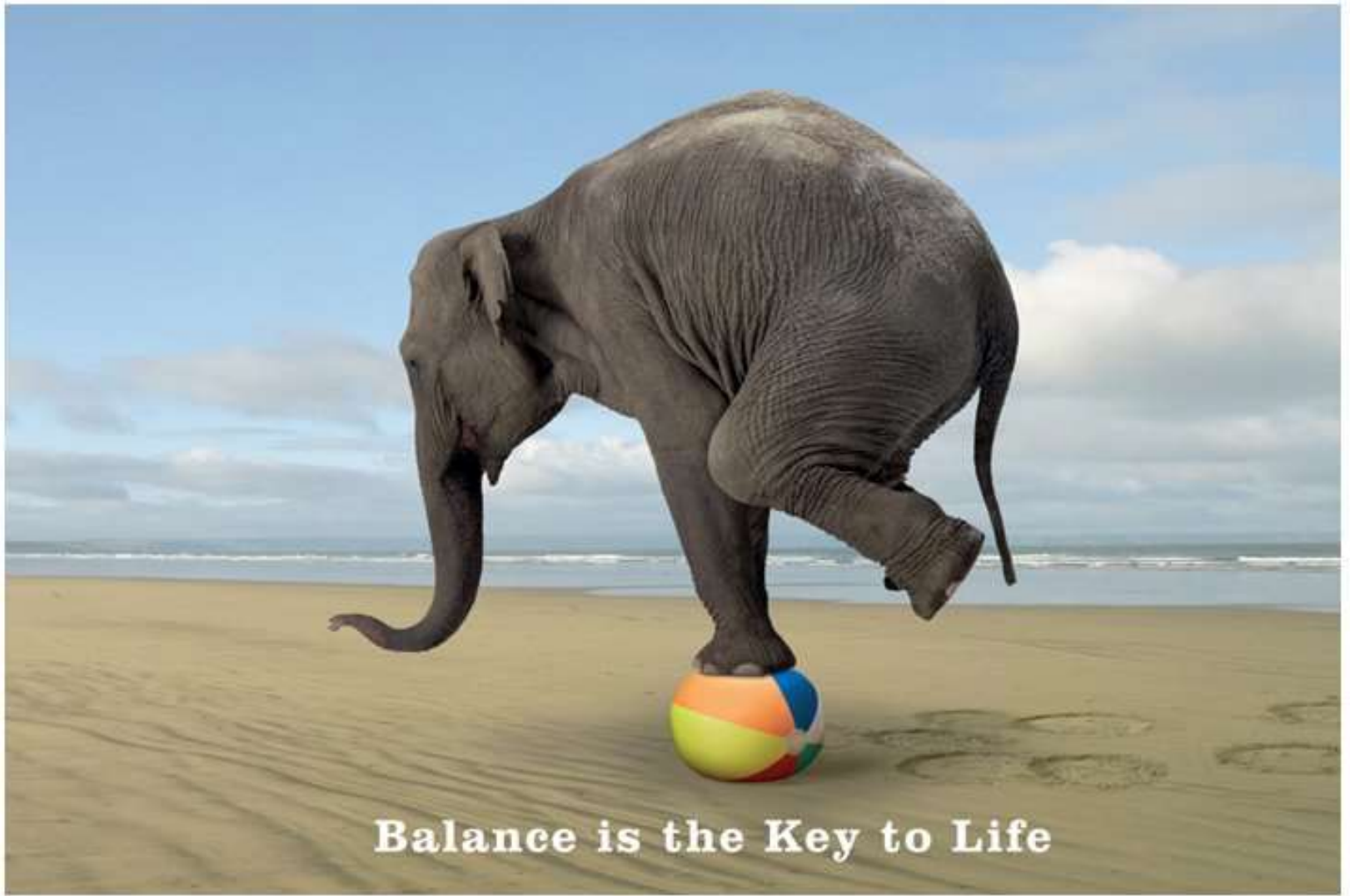


Antibiotics and Biofilms



How to remove Biofilm?





Balance is the Key to Life

Moisture Balance



Moist – not too wet and not too dry