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Shaping what's possible in wound care



Quick Start Guide

Chronic Wound Consumables Scheme (CWCS)

What is the CWCS?

The **Chronic Wound Consumables Scheme** is a government-funded program providing **eligible patients** with **subsidised access** to wound consumables.

It supports improved care for Australians with **chronic wounds lasting more than 30 days.**

Step 1: Check Patient Eligibility

- ✔ **Australian residents** with a chronic wound (>30 days) who are:
  - aged over 65 years
  - a First Nations person aged 50 years or over
- ✔ Managed by a **Health professional:**
  - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners
  - Medical practitioners in a primary care setting, including general practitioners
  - Registered nurses and nurse practitioners
  - Podiatrists
- ✔ Not an inpatient or receiving wound consumables via another funding scheme
- 🔗 Check details at https://www.health.gov.au/our-work/cwcs to confirm patient eligibility.

Step 2: Complete Training & Register as a Health Professional using the Portal

- ✔ Enrol for training, for any learning module questions contact cwcs-training@monash.edu
- 🔗 Enrol - CWCS Training
- ✔ Complete and pass all courses and assessments
- ✔ Register for a PRODA account
- 🔗 Create an individual PRODA account
- ✔ Register for the Chronic Wound Consumables Scheme

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Step 3: Assess and Register Patient Order Consumables

- **Assess the wound** and determine the appropriate dressing type
  - Search for participant **with Medicare number, first name and date of birth**
  - If not found **select -Register**
- Go to **Order wound care products and Place an Order**
  - Input patient details
  - Search approved products via menus or search.
  - Search via name or category (e.g. ALLEVYN◇, IODOSORB◇, ACTICOAT◇) or Foam dressing
  - Add the products and quantities to your wound cart
- **Provide delivery details:** you can select patient or practice address

Tip: You can access the full list of subsidised items via [Chronic Wounds Consumable Scheme Product List | Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing]

Step 4: Reassess and Continue Care

- Patients can access consumables for up to **12 weeks**, with ongoing reassessment
- Best practice: Review wounds regularly and escalate if non-healing

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Need Help Selecting Products?

Smith+Nephew offers:

- Clinical support and education
- CWCS product guides and application videos
- Wound assessment tools

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