



# Caring for hard-to-heal wounds

Panel recommendations for  
community-based caregivers



A group of wound care experts published a manuscript in the *International Wound Journal*, titled *The Role Community-Based Healthcare Providers Play in Managing Hard-to-Heal Wounds*.<sup>1</sup> The published manuscript provides a list of actionable recommendations specifically tailored to community-based caregivers who encounter wounds. The goal is to shed new light on the critical role these best practices play in managing and preventing hard-to-heal wounds.

#### **Hard-to-heal wounds:**

- “Fail to progress towards healing with standard therapy in an orderly and timely manner and should be referred to a qualified wound care provider for advanced assessment and diagnosis if not healed or reduced in size by 40-50% within 4 weeks.”
- “Community-based healthcare providers can play an important initial role by seeing the individual’s hard-to-heal wound risk, addressing local infection, and providing an optimal wound environment.”

The simplified algorithm is to help community-based caregivers systematically identify, evaluate and treat hard-to-heal wounds.



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