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WOUND INFECTIONS- CRITICAL COLONISATION

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The care of the patients with a wound infection may appear inconsistent, different antibiotic preparations may be used over time in an effort to control the causative organism, and variety of different management strategies may be applied by different healthcare practitioners. Wound infection is not a modern phenomenon. It should also be remembered that some of practitioners instigated the 'laudable pus' theory, which incorrectly considered the development of pus in a wound as a positive part of the healing process. Wound infection is not a modern phenomenon. It should also be remembered that some of practitioners instigated the 'laudable pus' theory, which incorrectly considered the development of pus in a wound as a positive part of the healing process. It is important to treat the patient as a whole and not the infection alone. The main treatment objective will be to reduce rather than eradicate the bacterial burden within the wound margins. In addition to antibiotic therapy, there are two main generic groups of wound management products that have the potential to reduce the bacterial burden in the wound; these are compounds containing silver or iodine. The importance of wound infections, in both economic and human terms, should not be underestimated. Practitioners need to know how to recognize and manage the signs and consequences of clinically infected wounds.