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Comments on Draft Scope for Debrisoft for the debridement of acute and chronic wounds

from 19 June 2013 to 26 June 2013

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1.5	5	Debridement is not standard for the treatment of chronic wounds; the role of debridement in the treatment of chronic wounds has not been studied in sufficiently robust trials for such comments – it has been extrapolated from experience with acute wounds.
General		The difference between debridement of the wound, i.e. removal of slough and the cleansing of the skin and removal of debris / hyperkeratosis / skin toiletry has not been clearly delineated in the claims. General advice encourages the soaking and cleaning of peri-wound skin with the use of emollients. Debrisoft can be used to both clean the skin and the wound but is obviously quite an expensive way of cleaning the skin.  There is no need to use saline to clean an acute or chronic wound.
2	7	From my own personal experience with chronic wounds it appears that autolytic debridement of a wound is enhanced if the correct treatment for the main underlying aetiology is rigorously followed, e.g. compression for venous, offloading in pressure and diabetic wounds.
	7	How good was the evidence for Debrisoft in reducing nursing time and improving healing time. If it gets a favourable report than it will be pushed to be used in the majority of wounds as most will show some slough. It is not clear whether the committee had delineated which chronic wounds should be debrided.

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3	8	Comparator – see above Cost analysis – see above Main measures are time to healing and the number of visits of health care professionals.

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