



CANDIDATE HANDBOOK 2025

Certification Examination for Physicians in
Wound Medicine and Surgery

APPLICATION DEADLINE*

MAY 14, 2025



TESTING WINDOW

JUN 14 - JUN 28, 2025

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*Applications will not be accepted after 11:59pm Eastern on this date



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This Handbook contains necessary information about the Certification Examination for Physicians in Wound Medicine and Surgery. Please retain it for future reference. Candidates are responsible for reading these instructions carefully. This Handbook is subject to change.

CONTACT INFORMATION

AMERICAN BOARD OF WOUND MEDICINE & SURGERY

 info@abwms.org


 (717) 549-2527

 www.abwms.org

- General Information
- Apply for the examination
- Obtain general application information
- Obtain information about testing policies
- Transfer to a new Testing Period
- Request Test Accommodations
- Request Hand Score
- Question about score reports
- Miscellaneous inquiries

CERTIFICATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, INC. (CMS)

 (435) 395-8313

 <https://delivery.itemexperts.com/findseat/6A914111-9BC4-49A3-8141-F1D73140D48B>

- Schedule a test appointment
- Reschedule test appointment (within a testing period)
- Cancel test appointment
- Find directions to the test site
- Questions regarding testing sites and appointments

ATTENTION CANDIDATES

This handbook contains necessary information about the ABWMS Certification Examination for Physicians in Wound Medicine and Surgery. It is required reading for those applying and taking the examination. All individuals applying for the examination must comply with the policies, procedures, and deadlines in this Handbook and attest to this by signing the Candidate Attestation found on the application. Please retain this handbook for future reference. This handbook is subject to change. See www.abwms.org for handbook updates.



ACCESSING CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES AT ANY TIME WHILE YOU ARE TAKING THE EXAM IS PROHIBITED. YOU CAN ONLY REMOVE SNACKS, DRINKS, MEDICINE OR PERSONAL HEALTHCARE ITEMS FROM YOUR LOCKER- NO BACKPACKS, BAGS, POCKETBOOKS OR CLOTHING CAN BE REMOVED WHILE YOUR EXAM IS IN SESSION.

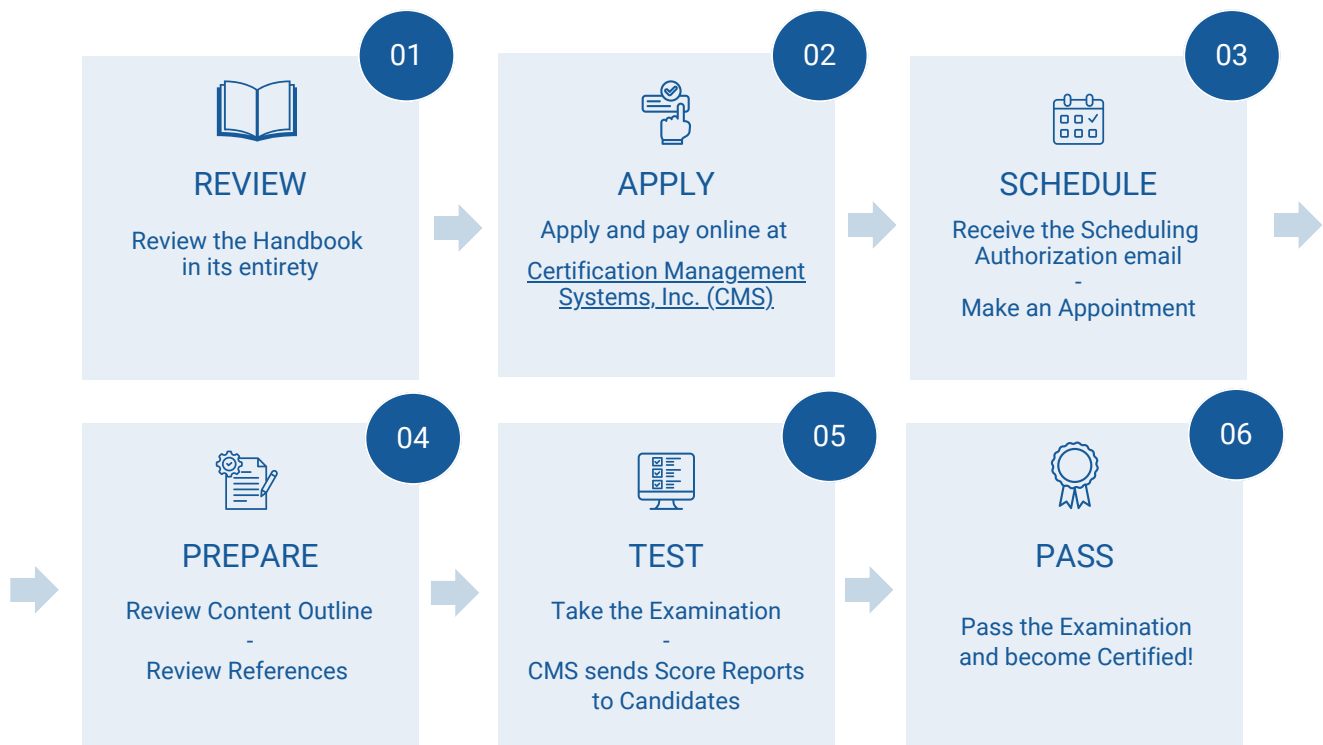
CERTIFICATION

The American Board of Wound Medicine and Surgery (ABWMS™) endorses the concept of voluntary, periodic certification by examination for physicians engaged in the active practice of wound medicine and surgery. Board certification is highly valued and provides formal recognition of a unique body of knowledge in the science and practice of wound medicine and surgery.

Certification in Wound Medicine and Surgery provides formal recognition of knowledge and practice in the field by:

1. Recognizing formally those individuals who meet eligibility requirements of the American Board of Wound Medicine and Surgery and pass the Certification Examination for Physicians in Wound Medicine and Surgery.
2. Encouraging continued professional growth in the practice of wound medicine and surgery.
3. Establishing and measuring the level of knowledge required for certification by a wound medicine and surgery physician.
4. Providing a standard of minimum knowledge deemed appropriate for physicians practicing wound medicine and surgery, thereby assisting the employer, public, and health care professionals in the assessment of wound medicine and surgery physicians.

THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Candidates must meet the following eligibility criteria as of the application deadline indicated on the cover of the handbook:



Be a currently licensed physician in the United States or Canada
[Submit a copy of the current license with the Application.]



Be board certified or eligible by a relevant primary board member of the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) or the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) [Submit documentation with Application.]



Have three years of experience in active practice of wound care documented by an institutional Medical Director, Chief of Staff, or Chief Clinical Officer.
[Submit a support letter, written on official letterhead, with Application.]

OR

Be enrolled in or completed an ABMS or AOA-approved training program and have completed a dedicated one-year wound medicine and surgery fellowship as documented by the fellowship director. [Submit documentation with the Application.]



Complete and file an Application for the Certification Examination for Physicians in Wound Medicine and Surgery.



Pay the required fee.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Candidates **MUST** upload the following documentation to their online application:



Copy of current medical license



Copy of board certification



Supporting letter from the institutional Medical Director, Chief of Staff, or Chief Clinical Officer attesting to the physician's three years of experience in active practice of wound care, written on official letterhead.

COMPLETION OF APPLICATION

STEP 1 – FILL OUT THE APPLICATION

- Go to <https://abwms.org/certification-application/>
- View testing periods and application deadlines
- Please complete the online application thoroughly and upload any required supporting documentation.
- Use your first and last name exactly as they appear on your current driver's license, passport, state-issued non-driver ID, or military ID.
- Applications are not complete until all information, documentation, and payment have been provided.

STEP 2 – SUBMIT EXAM FEE AND APPLICATION FOR REVIEW

- ABWMS will send you an email that says that your payment and application have been received and are being reviewed. Please allow up to 10 business days for review.

STEP 3 – RECEIVE APPLICATION STATUS UPDATE

- After your application is reviewed, ABWMS will update you with another email regarding the status of your application.

STEP 4 – RECEIVE SCHEDULING AUTHORIZATION AND SCHEDULE TESTING APPOINTMENT

- Approved candidates will receive an email with their Scheduling Authorization within 11 weeks before the start of the testing window. Scheduling Authorization emails come from CMS.
- If you don't receive your Scheduling Authorization email 3 weeks before the start of your testing window, contact ABWMS.

THE SCHEDULING AUTHORIZATION INCLUDES ESSENTIAL INFORMATION, INCLUDING:

- Your ABWMS Candidate ID number
- Instructions on how to make your Exam appointment with CMS.

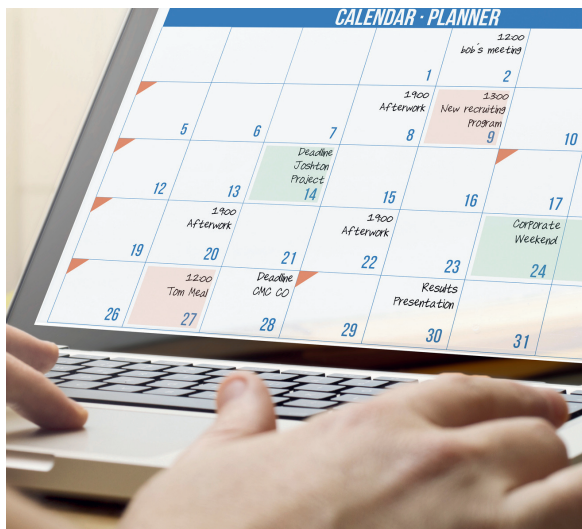


Applicants who are not approved to sit for the examination or whose applications are incomplete 21 days before the first day of the testing window will receive a refund of their application fee minus the \$75 administrative fee. Refunds will be processed approximately 30 days after the end of the testing period.

EXAMINATION ADMINISTRATION AND SCHEDULING

The Certification Examination for Physicians in Wound Medicine and Surgery is administered daily, excluding holidays, within an established two-week testing window, at computer-based testing facilities managed by Meazure Learning.

SCHEDULING EXAMINATION APPOINTMENTS



Follow the steps on your Scheduling Authorization to schedule your examination appointment with CMS.

- Appointment times are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please schedule your appointment as soon as you receive your Scheduling Authorization.
- Candidates who wait until the last minute risk missing out on their preferred date, time, and/or testing center. Candidates unable to schedule an appointment will forfeit their fees.

After you make your test appointment, CMS will send you a confirmation email with the date, time, and location of your exam. Please review this confirmation carefully and contact CMS at 435-395-8313 if you do not receive this email confirmation or if you encounter any errors with your appointment.



IMPORTANT!

You **MUST** present your current driver's license, passport, or U.S. military ID at the test center. Expired, temporary, or paper driver's licenses will **NOT** be accepted.

The first and last name on your Scheduling Authorization **MUST** exactly match the first and last name on your photo ID. Fees will not be refunded for exams missed because of invalid ID.

SCHEDULING EXAMINATION APPOINTMENTS

If a candidate cannot sit for their scheduled exam appointment, they may reschedule for a future date within the same testing period, dependent on availability. To reschedule or cancel an appointment the candidate must return to the scheduling link, no later than two (2) business days prior to the scheduled appointment. Candidates must reschedule online, the scheduling system is available 24/7. Changes 2 business days or more prior to your test appointment will be made at no charge.

TRANSFERRING TO A NEW TESTING PERIOD

Candidates unable to take the examination during their scheduled testing period may request a one-time transfer to a future testing period. There is a transfer fee of \$240.00. After you have transferred once by paying the \$240.00 fee, you will need to pay the full examination fee again to transfer a second time. Please plan carefully.

Please note: requests to transfer to a new testing period must be received within 30 days of your originally scheduled testing period.

Candidates wishing to transfer to a new testing period need to call ABWMS at 717-549-2527. Suppose candidates are unable to attend the examination on the date for which they registered and elect not to transfer to another testing period. In that case, the application will be closed, and all fees will be forfeited. There will be no refund of fees.

The transfer fee is based on costs and is not punitive in nature. The transfer fee must be paid at the time the request is approved.

Note: Transferring your Examination only refers to instances when a candidate is unable to take their exam during a testing period for which they have already applied. Candidates who did not pass their examination and are retaking the examination need to pay the full Examination Fee.

FAILING TO REPORT FOR AN EXAMINATION



If you fail to report for an examination, you will forfeit all fees paid to take the examination. A completed application form and examination fee are required to reapply for the examination.

EXAMINATION FEES

Fee Type	Amount	Details
Application Fee	US\$860.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-refundable • Non-transferable • Includes testing center fees • Includes non-refundable \$75 administrative fee
Transfer Fee (Moving to a new testing window; see page 7)	US\$240.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applies to candidates who need to move to a new testing period • Must submit new application & fee to ABWMS
Rescheduling Fee (29-5 days before scheduled appointment; see page 6)	US\$50.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applies to candidates who need to move their appointment within their current testing period • Payable directly to ABWMS • Reschedule with ABWMS online or over the phone



- There will be no refund of fees unless applicants are ineligible for the examination.
- Ineligible candidates will be refunded their fees minus an administrative fee.
- No refunds will be issued for applying to the incorrect examination or testing period, failing to make an examination appointment, or failing to appear at your scheduled appointment.

Be advised: CMS does not have the authority to grant transfers to another testing period or refunds.



TEST ACCOMMODATIONS

ABWMS supports the intent of and complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and will take reasonable steps to make certification accessible to individuals with disabilities covered under the ADA. According to the ADA, an individual with a disability is a person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits a significant life activity (such as seeing, hearing, learning, reading, concentrating, walking) or a primary bodily function (such as neurological, endocrine, or digestive system).

The information you provide and any documentation regarding your disability and test accommodations are confidential and are not included in scoring or reporting. All approved testing accommodations must maintain the psychometric nature and security of the examination. Accommodations that fundamentally alter the nature or security of the exam will not be granted.

TO REQUEST TEST ACCOMMODATIONS, FOLLOW THESE 4 STEPS:

1. Download the Request for Test Accommodations Form, available from <https://abwms.org/testing-accommodations/> or by calling ABWMS at (717) 549-2527.
2. Complete the Test Accommodations Form with your doctor or healthcare professional.
3. Upload the completed and signed Test Accommodations Form with the online exam application.
4. Submit fully both the Test Accommodations Form and the application at least 8 weeks before the start of your chosen testing period.

NOTES:

Only those requests made and received on the official Request for Test Accommodations Form will be reviewed.

All requests must be made at the time of application. Accommodations cannot be added to an existing exam appointment.

If you miss the 8-week deadline, you may not be able to test during your chosen testing period, and you will be subject to rescheduling or transfer fees.

Do not contact CMS to request test accommodations as they are not authorized to approve accommodations. All requests for test accommodations must be submitted on the ABWMS Request Form.

If you need to use your cell phone or another electronic device to monitor a medical condition, such as diabetes, please ensure that you include this information on Part 1 of the Request for Test Accommodations Form so that we can notify CMS in advance.

Only pre-approved test accommodations will be permitted on the day of the examination. Test center personnel are not authorized to make any changes to the test accommodations on the day of the testing session, and any such change may result in your examination score being canceled.

PREPARING FOR THE EXAMINATION

- Check your driver's license, passport, non-driver state-issued ID, or U.S. Military ID.
 - Is it expired?
 - Do the first and last names on your ID match the first and last names on your Scheduling Authorization email?
 - Proctors at the Measure Learning testing center will refuse admission to candidates with expired ID, IDs with names that do not match their records, and temporary paper IDs. Candidates who fail to appear will be marked as no-shows and will forfeit their exam fees.
 - Original documents are required.
- Check your ABWMS Scheduling Authorization email and ABWMS Appointment Confirmation email to make sure everything is accurate (i.e., your first and last name, exam name, appointment date, time, and location).
- Make yourself familiar with the location of your test center and parking options. Check the weather and traffic conditions before you leave for the test center. Allow plenty of time as a late arrival may prevent you from testing.
- In the event of inclement weather, refer to measurelearning.com/candidate-services
- CMS's website provides information on what you can expect on your test day, including a walkthrough of check-in and security procedures:
- This Handbook provides the Content Outline for the Examination (see appendix). Use this to help you start studying for the examination.
- Review 'What to Expect at the Test Center' and 'Rules for the Examination' on the next pages before your appointment.
- Presenting name change documentation, e.g., marriage license, etc., at the testing center is not acceptable. Name change documentation must be submitted at least one (1) week prior to your testing appointment.

WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE TESTING CENTER

CANDIDATE CHECK-IN

- Candidates will be asked to:
 - present their IDs.
 - empty and turn out their pockets.
 - walk through a metal detector or get “wanded”.
- Eyeglasses, jewelry, and other accessories will be inspected.
 - Jewelry other than wedding and engagement rings is prohibited.
 - Leave these at home or place them in your locker.
- Religious headwear may be worn into the testing room; however, it is subject to inspection by test center staff.
- Meazure Learning Centers provide lockers to store purses, backpacks, mobile phones, jackets, food, drinks, and medical supplies.
- Water in a clear plastic container (no labels) may be brought into the testing room.

DURING THE EXAM

- No breaks are scheduled during the exam.
- Candidates are only permitted to leave the testing room to use the restroom or access food, drink, or medicine from their assigned locker. The exam timer will NOT be paused.
- Smoking is prohibited at the testing center.
- All examinations are monitored and may be recorded in both audio and video format.

KEEP IN MIND:

- Other exams will be administered concurrently with your examination.
- You may hear ambient noises, such as typing, coughing, or people entering and exiting the testing room, which cannot be avoided.
- Meazure Learning Centers are unable to provide a completely noise-free environment.
- Headphones may be requested to minimize the impact of ambient noise.
- Proctors will periodically walk through the testing room as part of their monitoring process.
- See the Meazure Learning website (<https://www.meazurelearning.com/candidate-services>) for more information about what to expect on testing day.

RULES FOR THE EXAMINATION

Read the information below carefully. You are responsible for adhering to the examination rules while at the testing center.

DO NOT BRING

- These items are strictly prohibited at the testing center. Leave these items in your car or your assigned locker.
- Cell phones and all other electronic devices
- Watches
- Jackets/coats/bulky clothing such as sweatshirts
- Hats (except hats worn for religious reasons)
- Jewelry, including watches and wearable technology.
- Please refrain from wearing colognes or perfumes as scents may disturb others in the testing center.
- Bring earplugs if you are sensitive to ambient noise. If you choose to bring earplugs, they will be subject to examination by the testing center staff.
- Candidates wearing glasses may be asked to remove them for inspection. No glasses with electronics, even if prescription glasses, will be permitted in the exam room.

- ➡ You may NOT access the following at any time during your exam or breaks: papers, books, any reference materials, or electronic devices, including your cell phone. Candidates may access the following items from their locker: snacks, drinks, medicine, or other personal healthcare items.
- ➡ No questions concerning the content of the examination may be asked during the examination session. Read the directions provided on the screen at the beginning of the examination session carefully.
- ➡ You are prohibited from leaving the testing room while your examination is in session, except for going to the restroom. Candidates who leave their lockers or the restroom may need to undergo security screening again before being permitted to reenter the testing room. Candidates who leave the center will have their examinations terminated.
- ➡ See Meazure Learning's statement on Test Center Security for more information.

Contact ABWMS at 717-549-2527 with any questions about the Examination Rules.



Irregular or improper behavior that is observed, made apparent by statistical analysis, or uncovered by other means before, during or after the examination will be considered a violation of these rules and may constitute grounds for invalidation of a candidate's examination. ABWMS will initiate an investigation and request suitable analyses and appropriate documentation.

TESTING CONDITIONS OR EXAMINATION FEEDBACK

Any candidate who feels that the examination effort was negatively impacted by the test center conditions should notify the proctor immediately. The situation should also be reported to ABWMS at info@abwms.org within 15 days of the test appointment. Any comments about the test itself should also be reported to ABWMS at info@abwms.org within 15 days of the test appointment.

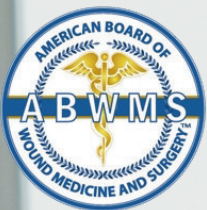
REPORT OF RESULTS

Candidates will be notified via email by the American Board of Wound Medicine and Surgery approximately four weeks after the testing window closes, indicating whether they have passed or failed the examination. Scores on the major areas of the examination and the total examination will be reported. Successful candidates may purchase a certificate from the American Board of Wound Medicine and Surgery that is suitable for display. Contact ABWMS at info@abwms.org if you wish to purchase a certificate. Failure to receive the report of the results should be reported to the ABWMS at 717-549-2527.

ABWMS will release the individual test scores ONLY to the individual candidate. Any questions concerning test results should be referred to ABWMS.

REEXAMINATION

The Certification Examination for Physicians in Wound Medicine and Surgery may be taken as often as desired, upon filing a new Application and payment of the applicable fee. There is no limit to the number of times the examination may be repeated.



EXAMINATION SECURITY

Candidates seeking admission to take the examination do so to pursue registration, and for no other purpose. Due to the confidential nature of the examination, candidates are prohibited from making or retaining copies, excerpts, or notes of examination materials, and from using or disclosing information obtained from the examination. The examination is the exclusive property of ABWMS, and candidates may not use examination information in any way without the express prior written consent of ABWMS.

The Certification Examination for Physicians in Wound Medicine and Surgery is confidential. Candidates are required to sign a confidentiality agreement before the start of the examination.

Candidates agree to abide by the testing rules in effect at the time of their test appointment. ABWMS, CMS, and Measure Learning staff may refuse a candidate admission to the examination if they do not have the proper identification as detailed in the Candidate Handbook. Candidates who do not abide by the testing rules may have their exam terminated during administration to maintain a secure and proper exam environment, and/or their exam scores may be invalidated.



ATTAINMENT OF CERTIFICATION & RECERTIFICATION

Eligible candidates who pass the Certification Examination for Physicians in Wound Medicine and Surgery are eligible to use the designation Diplomate after their names and will receive certificates from the American Board of Wound Medicine and Surgery. A registry of designated Diplomates will be maintained by the American Board of Wound Medicine and Surgery and may be reported in various publications.

The Diplomate designation is recognized for a period of 10 years, provided the Diplomate pays an annual registration fee. After the 10 years, the Diplomate must: 1) complete a Maintenance of Certification self-assessment exercise to allow the Diplomate to determine where practice improvements can be made; and, 2) accumulate 100 CME credit hours in wound medicine over the ten (10) year period.

REVOCATION OF CERTIFICATION

Designation will be revoked for violations of the policies of the American Board of Wound Medicine and Surgery, including but not limited to:

- Falsification of an Application.
- Revocation of any current license to practice medicine.
- Misrepresentation of designation status.
- Failure to pay the annual registration fee.

The American Board of Wound Medicine and Surgery shall make all decisions regarding revocation of designation.

CONTENT OF THE EXAMINATION

The Certification Examination for Physicians in Wound Medicine and Surgery is a computer-based examination composed of a maximum of 200 multiple-choice, objective questions with a total testing time of three and a half (3.5) hours. The content of the examination is described in the Content Outline below.

The questions for the examination are obtained from individuals with expertise in wound medicine and surgery and are reviewed for construction, accuracy, and appropriateness by ABWMS and CMS's psychometricians. ABWMS, with the advice and assistance of the Professional Testing Corporation, prepares the examination.

The Certification Examination for Physicians in Wound Medicine and Surgery will be weighted in approximately the following manner:

I.	Basic Wound Science	10%
II.	Clinical and Diagnostic Evaluation	20%
III.	Treatment	30%
IV.	Risk Factors	10%
V.	Wound Etiology	25%
VI.	Practice Management	5%

CONTENT OUTLINE

I. BASIC WOUND SCIENCE

- A. Vascular and Skin Anatomy and Function
- B. Physiology of Wound Healing
- C. Pathology
- D. Pathophysiology of Wounds
- E. Physiology of Oxygen in Wound Healing
- F. Embryology, Genetics, and Development
- G. Epidemiology

II. CLINICAL AND DIAGNOSTIC EVALUATION

- A. History and Physical
- B. Wound Evaluation
 - 1. Wound Bed
 - 2. Wound Edge
 - 3. Slough and Eschar
 - 4. Exudate
 - 5. Undermining and Tunneling
 - 6. Periwound Skin
 - 7. Wagner Scale
 - 8. University of Texas
 - 9. NPUAP
 - 10. Rule of Nines
 - 11. Classification of Osteomyelitis
 - 12. Laboratory Studies
 - 13. Wound Measurement
- C. Diagnostic Imaging
 - 1. Plain Film
 - 2. CT
 - 3. MRI/MRA
 - 4. Ultrasound
 - 5. Nuclear Medicine
 - 6. Invasive Vascular Testing
- D. Swab and Tissue Cultures
- E. Noninvasive Testing
 - 1. Oxygen Testing
 - 2. Vascular Testing
- F. Referral Criteria
 - 1. Burns
 - 2. HBO
 - 3. Vascular
 - 4. ENT

5. Endocrine

G. Evaluation for Protective Sensation

H. Biopsy

- 1. Infection
- 2. Malignancy
- 3. Autoimmune
- 4. Calciphylaxis

III. TREATMENT

A. Medical Therapy

- 1. Pharmacologic
- 2. Pain Management
- 3. Diabetes Management
- 4. Nutrition Management

B. Topical Wound Therapy

- 1. Enzymatic Debridement
- 2. Topical Anti-infectives
- 3. Hydrogels
- 4. Alginates
- 5. Hydrocolloids
- 6. Honey
- 7. Foam

8. Cleansers

C. Surgical Therapy

- 1. Surgical Debridement
- 2. Bioburden and Biofilm
- 3. Skin Grafts and Flaps
- 4. Incision and Drainage
- 5. Amputation
- 6. Delayed Primary Closure
- 7. Surgical Emergencies
- 8. Foreign Body
- 9. Revascularization Options

D. Infection Management

- 1. Antibiotic Therapy
- 2. Isolation Indications
- 3. Topical Antimicrobial

E. Advanced Therapies

- 1. Collagen Based Products
- 2. Allografts and Xenografts

- 3. Bioengineered Skin Substitutes (Dermagraft/Apligraf)
- 4. Growth Factors (Becaplermin, PRP)
- 5. Negative Pressure Wound Therapy (NPWT)
- 6. Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy
- 7. E-Stim
- 8. Low-Frequency Ultrasound
- 9. Regenerative Medicine
- 10. Arterial Counterpulsation Therapy
- 11. Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy
- 12. E-Stim
- 13. Low-Frequency Ultrasound
- 14. Regenerative Medicine
- 15. Arterial Counterpulsation Therapy
- F. Compression Therapy
- G. Offloading Techniques
- H. Side Effects

IV. RISK FACTORS

- A. Diabetes
- B. Obesity
- C. Neuropathy
- D. Smoking
- E. Immunosuppressive Agents
- F. Malnutrition
- G. Renal Failure
- H. Behavioral Issues
- I. Wound Chronicity
- J. Arteriosclerosis
- K. Aging
- L. Pharmacologic
- M. Colonization
- N. Risk Prevention

V. WOUND ETIOLOGY

- A. Diabetic Foot Ulcer
 - 1. Charcot
 - 2. Neuropathic
- B. Venous Leg Ulcers
 - 1. Venous Hypertension and Reflux
 - 2. Post-phlebotic Syndrome
 - 3. Fibrin Cuff Theory

- 4. Hemosiderin Deposition
- C. Arterial Ulcers
- D. Lymphatic Ulcers
 - 1. Lymphatic Therapy
 - 2. Lymphedema
 - 3. Lipedema
 - 4. Lymphatic System Anatomy

E. Pressure Ulcers

- 1. Pressure
- 2. Shear
- 3. Friction
- 4. Moisture
- 5. Staging
- 6. Prevention
- 7. Osteomyelitis

F. Atypical Wounds

- 1. Neoplastic Ulcers
- 2. Infectious
- 3. Autoimmune
- 4. Traumatic
- 5. Burn
- 6. Factitious
- 7. Insect and Animal Bites
- 8. Institutionally Acquired
- 9. Ulcers from Hematologic Origin
- 10. Calciphylaxis

VI. PRACTICE MANAGEMENT

- A. Medical Ethics and Palliative Care
- B. Confidentiality
- C. Legal Issues
- D. Documentation
- E. Adherence/Compliance Issues
- F. Clinical Trials
- G. Lymphatic
- H. Factitious
- I. Insect and Animal Bites
- J. Atypical Wounds
- K. Institutionally Acquired
- L. Osteomyelitis

SAMPLE EXAMINATION QUESTIONS

In the following questions, choose the one best answer.

1. Hyperbaric oxygen therapy is **CONTRAINDICATED** in patients who have

1. pulmonary embolism.
2. arterial gas embolism.
3. untreated pneumothorax.
4. history of seizure disorder.

2. Which of the following dressings is **NOT** safe in the hyperbaric environment?

1. Hydrogel Cotton gauze
2. Calcium alginate
3. dressing Petroleum
4. based dressing

3. The remodeling phase of wound healing is most likely to be identified by

1. erythema.
2. hemostasis.
3. scar formation.
4. collagen formation.

4. Which of the following pathophysiologies is common to many types of chronic wounds?

1. Ischemia-reperfusion
2. Autoimmune disease
3. Nitric oxide synthetase deficit
4. Superoxide dismutase deficiency

Answer	
Q	A
1	3
2	4
3	3
4	1

ONLINE PRACTICE TEST

WHY TAKE IT

To experience taking a computerized exam, to review content included in Certification Examination for Physicians in Wound Medicine and Surgery, and to learn more about question format, style, and level of difficulty.

SCORE REPORT

After completing the online practice test, you will receive an instant score report showing test performance in each of the content areas. The score report does not provide correct answers or indicate which questions were answered correctly and incorrectly.

NOTE: The online practice test is an optional tool candidates may use as they prepare for the certification examination. While the practice test may help candidates identify areas of strength and weakness, it should not be used as the only means to determine candidate preparedness or readiness to test. Since the practice test is not intended to be a study guide or the sole source of preparation for the actual certification examination, candidates are not provided with the answer key, rationales for each question, or notification of which specific items were answered correctly or incorrectly.

Although the specific questions on the practice test will not appear on the actual certification examination, it allows candidates to become familiar with the style of questions that may be asked. The instant score report received after submitting the practice test shows overall test performance, as well as performance in each of the content areas. Candidates may find this information helpful in determining future study needs. Once the practice test is scored, candidates cannot return to the test to review the questions. Performance on the practice test does not guarantee similar performance on the actual certification examination.

The ABWMS Online Testing System does not demonstrate the testing software used during the certification examinations. Those who purchase the online practice test should be aware that they will use a different testing platform when they take certification examinations at designated proctored testing centers.

The practice test is not a requirement for certification eligibility, nor does it contribute in any way to success on the certification examination. There are many ways candidates should prepare for the certification examination. Candidates should utilize a range of resources and consider their own educational background and experiences. Review the content outline and reference materials listed in the handbook for additional information related to the exam.

CONTENT INCLUDED

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