

## A Clinical Algorithm for Wound Biofilm Identification

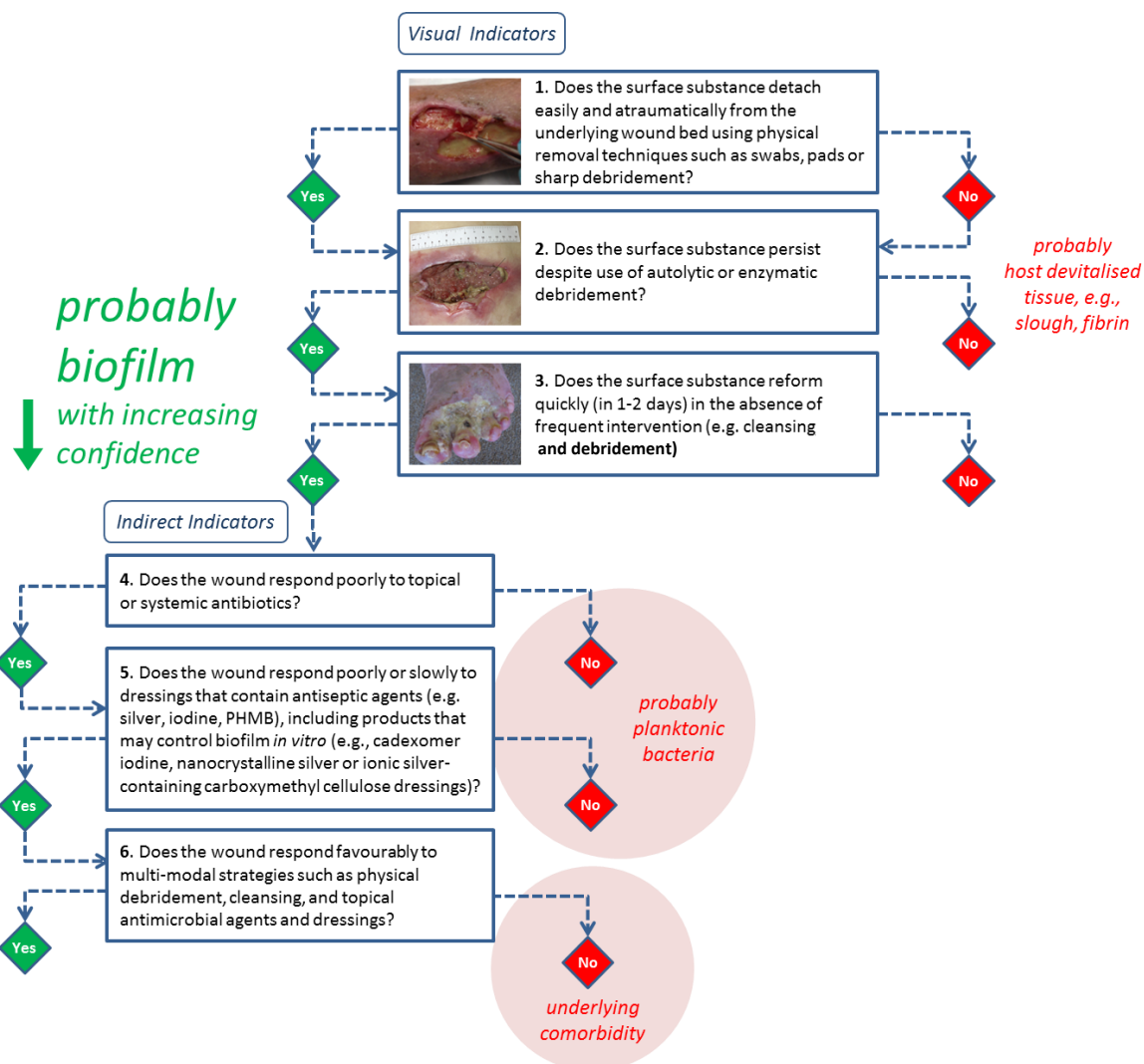
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### Key Highlights:

- The authors reviewed literature and gathered knowledge and evidence of visual and indirect clinical indicators of wound biofilm to propose an algorithm designed to facilitate clinical recognition of biofilm.
- In the absence of a point-of-care test for confirmation of wound biofilm, clinicians can utilise the algorithm as a part of routine wound assessments to aid biofilm identification in chronic wounds and hence guide subsequent management practices.
- While additional wound biofilm research and guidance is needed and is being published at a rapid pace, this algorithm can help support the current need to more readily recognise the clinical manifestations of biofilm and decide on an optimal course of care.

### Clinical Algorithm for Wound Biofilm Identification<sup>1</sup>:



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