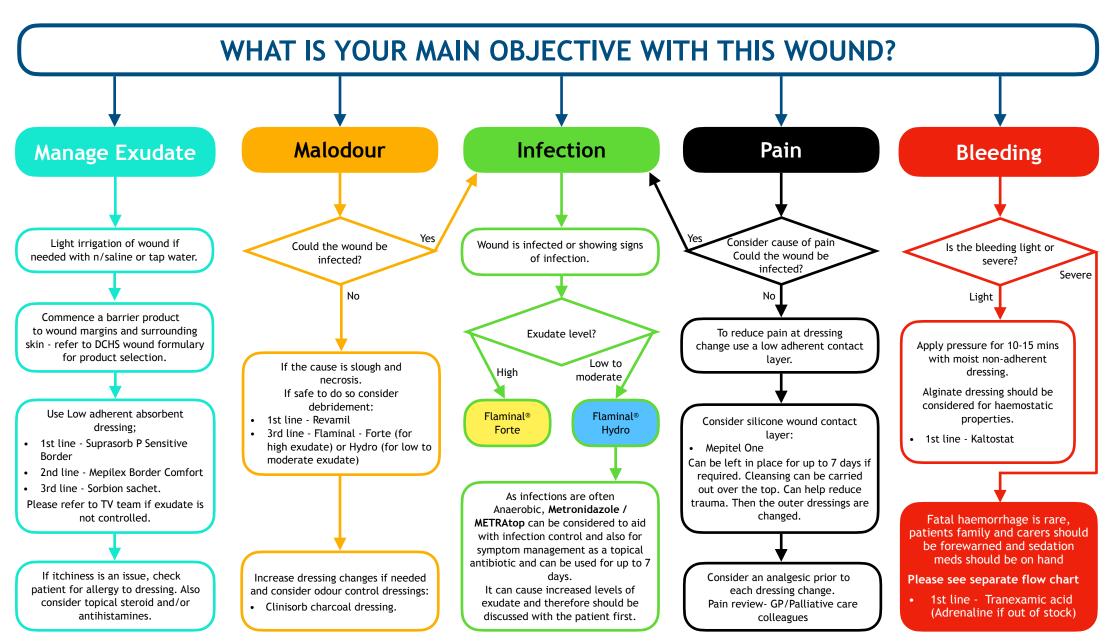
FUNGATING/MALIGNANT WOUND FLOW CHART





TRANEXAMIC ACID USE IN THE TREATMENT OF MALIGNANT/FUNGATING WOUNDS



ONLY FOR USE IN CASE OF A MAJOR BLEED

Please ensure discussion with GP, Palliative care team and Tissue viability have taken place

Fatal haemorrhage is rare, however patients, family and carers should be forewarned and sedation medication should be on hand.

IF SEVERE END OF LIFE BLEEDING SUSPECTED

- Malignant growth may erode a major blood vessel and a serious haemorrhage may occur, if the wound is heavily bleeding and is not responding then an Emergency admission to hospital for cauterisation or ligation may be required.
- THIS IS AN EMERGENCY SITUATION SO WILL REQUIRE A 999 RESPONSE unless it is the patient's choice to remain at home and this is documented in their advanced care plan.
 - 1. Stay calm If possible summon assistance.
 - 2. Ensure someone is with the patient at all times.
 - 3. If possible nurse in the recovery position to keep airway clear.
 - 4. Stem/disguise bleed with dark coloured sheets/towels.
 - 5. Tranexamic acid 500mg/5ml Ampule for injection (10%) Should be soaked into gauze and applied with pressure for 10 mins.



999 to be contacted in the meantime (unless against patient wishes). EOL medication to be given as per patient EOL plan.

If Tranexamic acid is out of stock Adrenaline 1:1000 soaked on gauze to be used in the same way

Please note if Adrenaline is used then this can cause tissue ischaemia.