



*Challenges in
Wound Healing
In people Living
with Dementia
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North Western Mental Health is one of the largest publicly-funded providers of mental health services in Australia.

A clinical division of **Melbourne Health** Program wide - 518 beds across the 3 services Youth, Adult and Aged. Predominately Aged care sector having the majority of bed based services.

WReN-Wound Resource Nurse

Local Champion

Promoter of evidence based wound management.

Resource for staff and support on wound management.

Support staff in best practise in clinical decision making in assessment, management and evaluation in acute/chronic wounds and in formulation in wound care planning



Why challenges in wound healing in people living with Dementia?

A complex situation in care provision

Remember! Remember!

Impact of cognitive decline



Comprising Care through Behaviours Of Concern



Female-69 year old
Dx-Schizoaffective Disorder
BPSD
Mixed Alzheimer's/Vascular Dementia
Type 2 NIDDM



Male-80 year old
Dx-Fronto Temporal Dementia
Type 2 IDDM

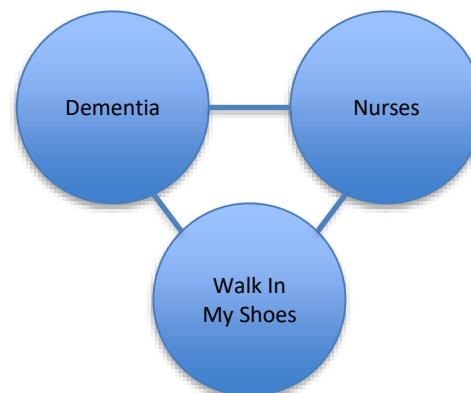
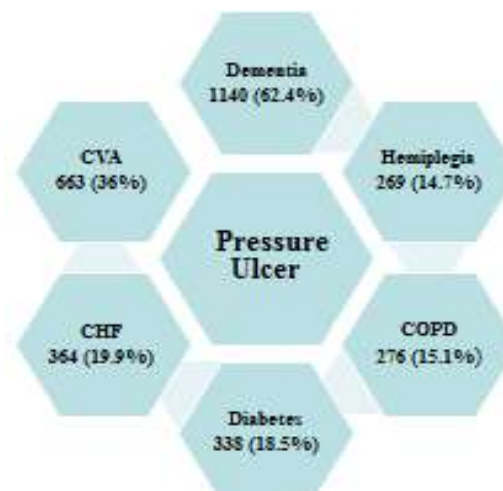


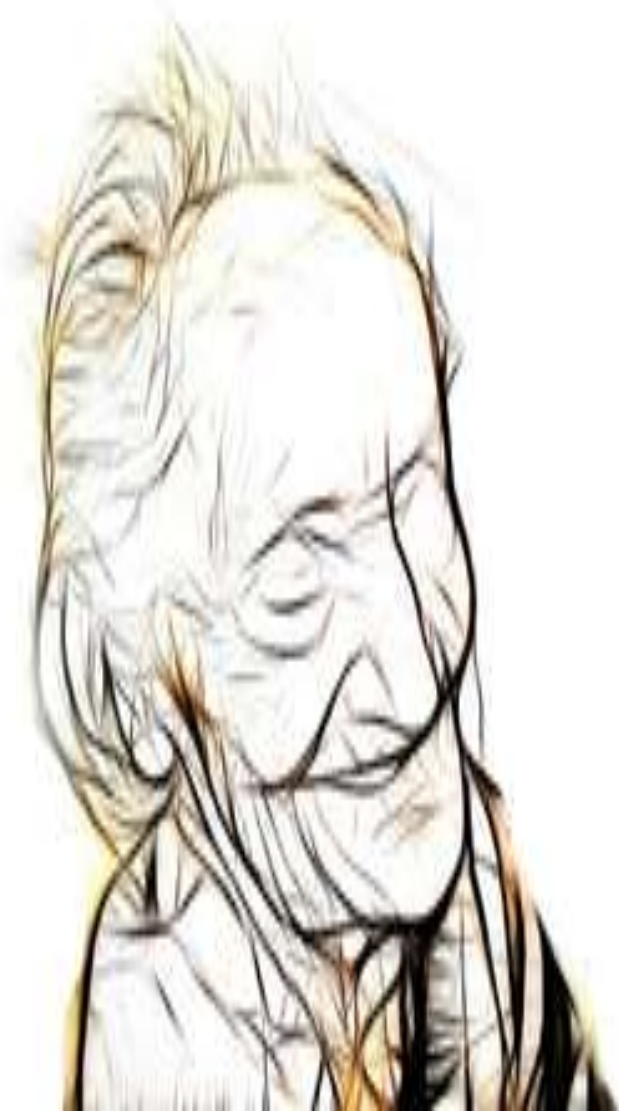
Female-81 year old
Dx-Alzheimer's Dementia

Pressure Ulcer (Stage Four) in Advanced Dementia may need different Approach



- ???
- Supplementary Feeding(NGT/PEG)
- ???
- Surgical Debridement
- ???
- Long Admission in Hospital





*Remember that
Dementia Patient
is not giving you a
hard time
Dementia Patient
is having a hard time*

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