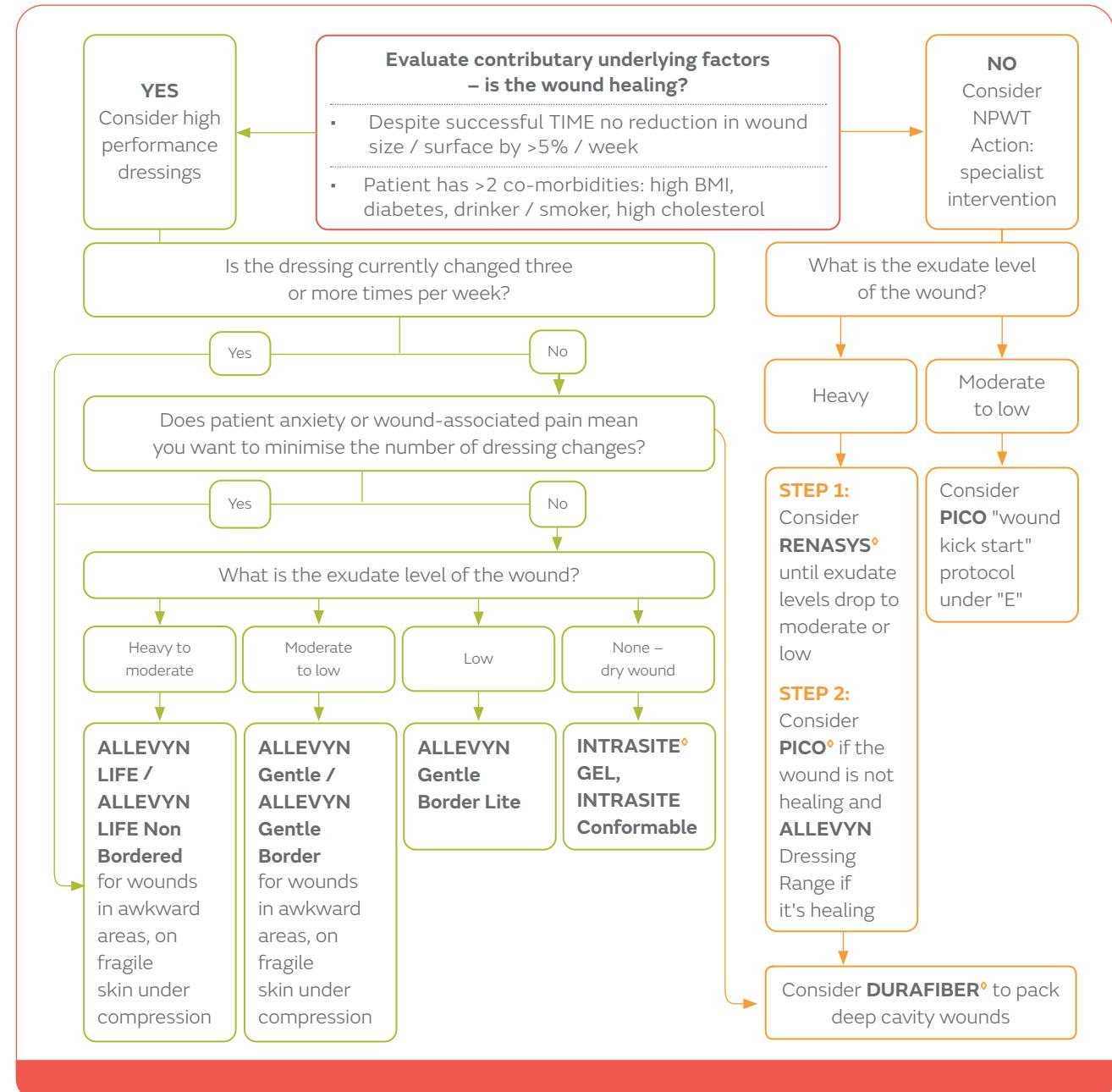


Moisture imbalance^{1,2}

A pathway to guide appropriate treatment for exudate management in chronic wounds



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PICO[◊]

Single Use Negative Pressure Wound Therapy System (SNPWT) pathway

How to use PICO effectively and what to expect.

Based on ref. 19, Figure 2: PICO pathway

*Wounds with overt signs of clinical infection (e.g. increased pain, levels of exudate, cellulitis etc.) should be excluded from the evaluation. Colonised/critically colonised wounds are not excluded from the evaluation. Site standard protocol should be implemented to address bacterial burden; †Wounds that have healed by <10% but have shown significant improvement in granulation tissue quality/ quantity may be considered for further PICO treatment based on clinician judgement.

ABPI: Ankle–brachial pressure index

VLU: Venous leg ulcers

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