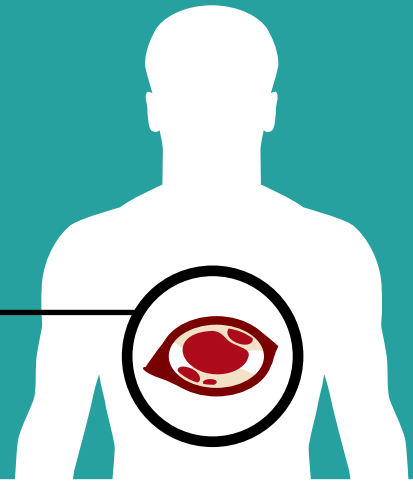


IMPORTANCE OF WOUND CARE

IN PATIENT SAFETY



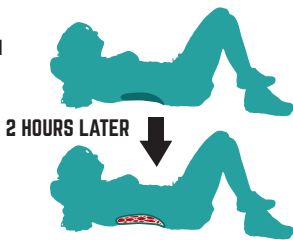
WHAT IS A CHRONIC WOUND & WHY DO PEOPLE GET THEM?

A chronic wound is an **OPENING OF THE SKIN** that **DOESN'T CLOSE** WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME for that particular wound.

MOST COMMON WOUNDS ARE:

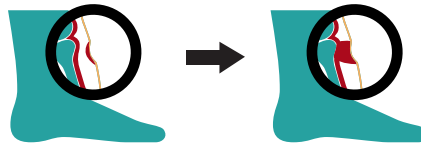
PRESSURE ULCERS

Arise from **lying in bed or sitting without relieving pressure** (can form quickly)



LEG ULCERS

Arise from **underlying condition** such as **poor circulation, osteoarthritis, leg fractures, obesity or paralysis**



DIABETIC FOOT ULCERS

Arise from **underlying condition of diabetes** which causes **neuropathy** and reduced blood flow to the feet



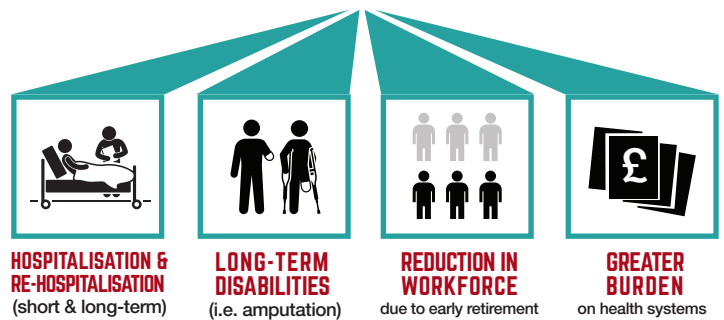
CHRONIC WOUNDS CAN BE PREVENTED!



MORE THAN
200,000
CHRONIC WOUNDS
(based on 2006 data)

ANNUAL COSTS TO NHS:
£ £ £
2.3 - 3.1
BILLION
(2009 data) → **90%**
IS NURSES TIME

IF NOT TREATED CORRECTLY CHRONIC WOUNDS MAY LEAD TO:



WHAT CAN WE DO TOGETHER TO REDUCE THE BURDEN OF CHRONIC WOUNDS?

- 1** MAKE WOUND PREVENTION AND TREATMENT A PART OF NATIONAL PATIENT SAFETY POLICIES
- 2** DEVELOP PERFORMANCE INDICATORS FOR WOUND CARE
- 3** IMPROVE PATIENT ACCESS TO INNOVATIVE TREATMENTS AND SERVICES

