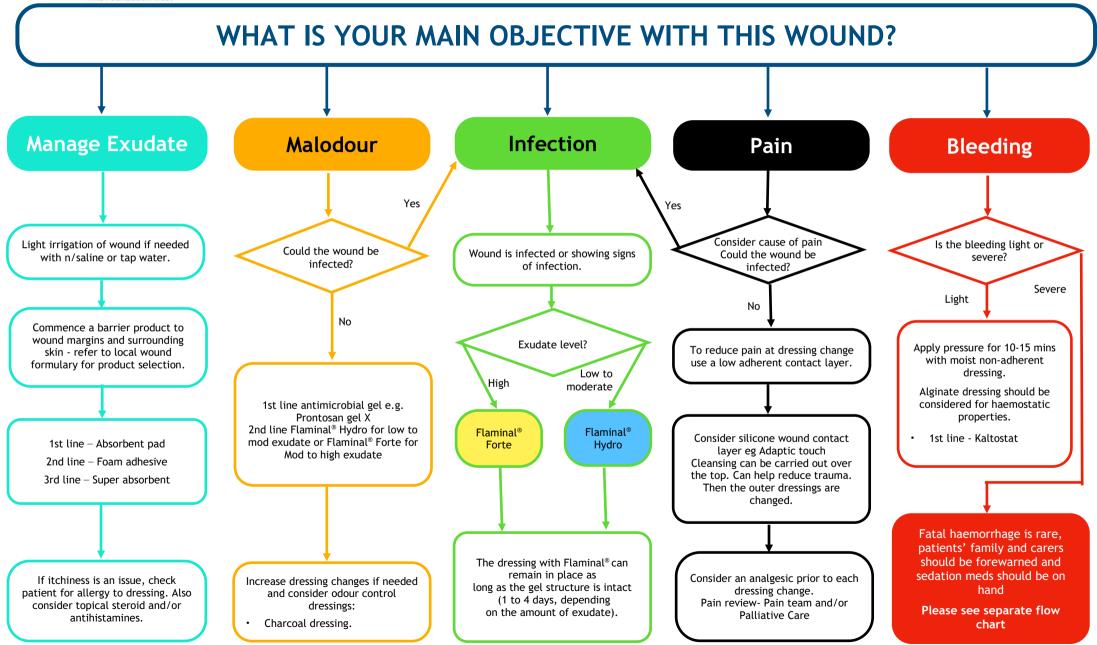


FUNGATING/MALIGNANT WOUND FLOW CHART





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. Check patient's future wishes and/or advance care.

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
 - 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.



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.

