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## Release Notes

### Wound Care Information Standard

#### V1.0

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The draft wound care standard has been updated following review to include the options for free text alongside coded values where it is possible that the codesets do not fully cover the data that care professionals may need to record against the data item or SNOMED coding is not available. Care professionals should always be encouraged and enabled to use coded values wherever possible and the free text option should only be used as a last resort.

The standard PRSB approach to coded data items has been used and this follows the following structure:

Data item	group - for example wound classification.
Coded value	the coded value for wound classification
Free text	to be used if no code is available.

The value sets (operationalization in art-décor) have been updated to include values or coding sets or free text as appropriate where some were blank (as it had been assumed the datatype would cover this).

This structure has been added to the following data items

Data item	Location
Wound classification	Wound assessment and treatment / baseline information
Type of surgery	Wound assessment and treatment / baseline information
Wound closure method	Wound assessment and treatment / baseline information
Wound margin and edge description	Wound assessment and treatment / wound assessment / wound and surrounding skin description
Wound bed tissue type	Wound assessment and treatment / wound assessment / wound and surrounding skin description
Skin colour	Wound assessment and treatment / wound assessment / wound and surrounding skin description
Approximation of wound edges	Wound assessment and treatment / wound assessment / surgical specific
Wound pain frequency	Wound observations / clinical observations

Signs and symptoms of infection	Wound observations / clinical observations
Exudate amount	Wound observations / clinical observations / exudate
Exudate consistency	Wound observations / clinical observations / exudate
Exudate type	Wound observations / clinical observations / exudate
Exudate colour	Wound observations / clinical observations / exudate
Odour intensity	Wound observations / clinical observations
Pulse sounds	Wound observations / clinical observations
Wound healed	Wound care episode outcome

The following data items have also been updated

- Anatomical site – implementation guidance
- Number of surgical wounds – data type
- Initial (primary ) wound assessment – Boolean flag
- Dimension type – implementation guidance
- Limb shape / Foot shape - data type
- Ankle-brachial pressure index – data type and description
- Toe pressure index – data type
- Dressing performance – data type
- Mobility assessment – data type

The following changes have also been made

- Pain Score has been split into a code item group for the assessment scale being used and a numeric value or free text value for the pain assessment
- Clinical summary group has been replaced by a free text Episode Summary
- Service and reasons for service have been updated to reflect standard definitions.