

The Hidden Epidemic


Wounds are **expensive** and affect everyone.




CANADIAN WOUND CARE SPENDING:
\$11.1 billion²
DIRECT COSTS

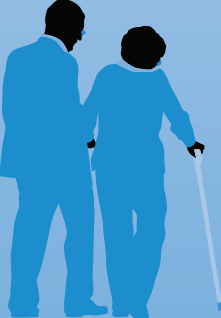
Impact of wound care:
30 to 50%
of all health care involves wounds¹

 **50% of nursing visits³** involve wound care delivery in the community

 **35% of persons⁴** receiving community care have a chronic wound

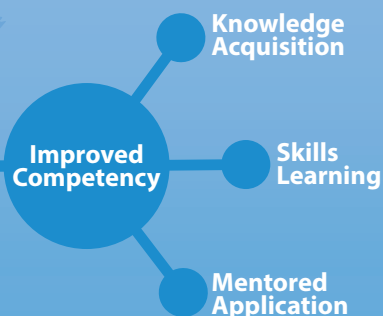
 **26% of persons⁴** in an acute or non-acute setting have a pressure injury

Preventing and treating wounds must be a **priority** within health care.

 **Patients and their families** need to know more about wound prevention and self-management.

Health-care professionals need **training** to learn and implement best practice.

Best practice-based wound prevention and care will save money.



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