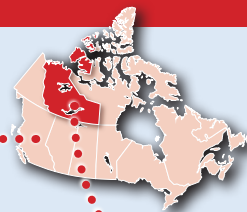


The Hidden Epidemic

Wounds are **expensive** and affect everyone.



NORTHWEST TERRITORIES WOUND CARE SPENDING: **\$40 million²** DIRECT COSTS

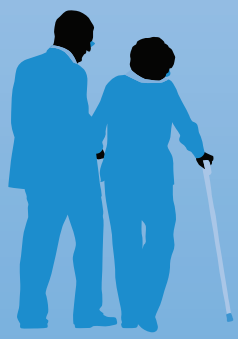


50% of nursing visits³ involve wound care delivery in the community

35% of persons⁴ receiving community care have a chronic wound

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

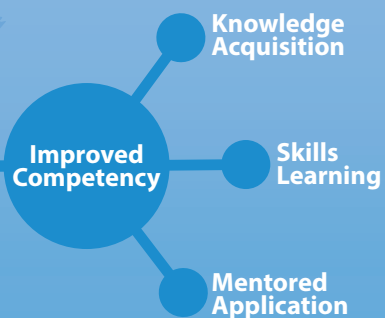
Preventing and treating wounds must be a **priority** within health care.



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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