



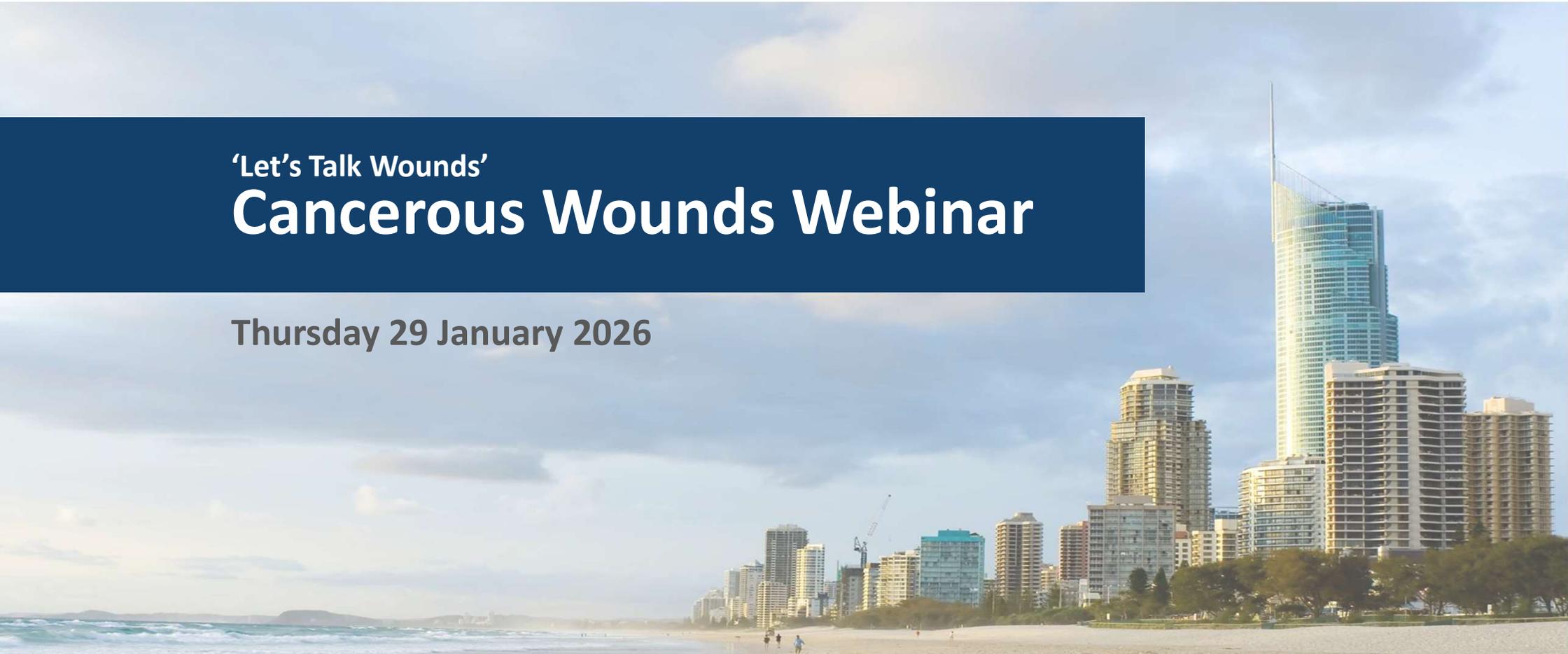
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'Let's Talk Wounds' Cancerous Wounds Webinar

Thursday 29 January 2026



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Webinar Housekeeping

- Please keep your cameras off and microphones muted unless invited to participate
- Questions via “Chat” to “everyone”
- The event is being recorded and will be available on the GCPHN website in the next few days



Introducing:



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CANCEROUS WOUND

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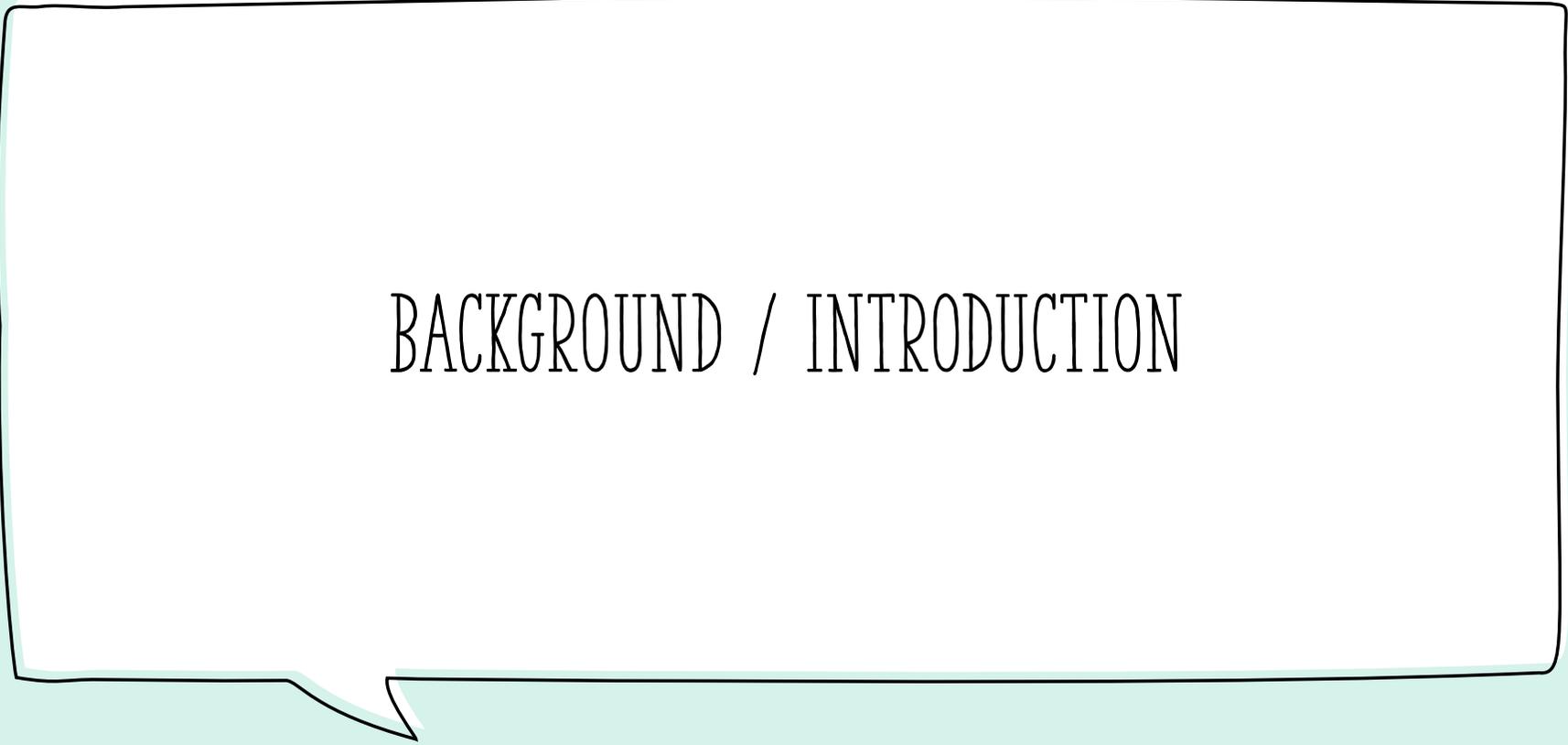
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BACKGROUND / INTRODUCTION

FEATURES

Raised nodule similar to a cauliflower (proliferative) or crater-like ulcer (destructive process) or combination of both

Bleed easily & risk of haemorrhage

Offensive odour

High volumes of exudate

Necrosis

Pain & itching

Reduced quality of life





CLINICAL FEATURES

CASE STUDY 1

Let's meet June

HISTORY OF
PRESENTING
COMPLAINT



PAST HEALTH HISTORY

Medical / Surgical History

- Squamous cell carcinoma L) neck
- Chronic wound-related pain
- Osteoporosis
- Hypertension
- Depression
- Hyperlipidaemia
- Anxiety
- GORD
- Commenced on palliative care pathway

Allergies/Sensitivities

- Tetanus vaccine

Social History

- Admitted to RACH in December 2023 from home
- Step-transfer & wheelchair
- Requires assistance with ADLs
- Moderate cognitive impairment (PAS 11)

MEDICATIONS

Vitamin D

Fish Oil

Omeprazole

Perindopril

Frusemide

Targin 5/2.5mg

Oxazepam

Paracetamol

Tranexamic acid

Midazolam

Tapentadol

Morphine



ASSESSMENT

Baseline Observations

- Blood pressure 110/70mmHg
- Heart rate 86 bpm
- Respiratory rate 16
- Temperature 37.2°C
- Not currently weighed but history of weight loss & poor appetite

WOUND PROGRESSION



7 December 2022



14 April 2023



29 June 2023



8 October 2023

WOUND PROGRESSION

WOUND MANAGEMENT PLAN

Initial treatment involved application of Mepilex Border™

Current Treatment

- Prontosan Wound Irrigation Solution™ + povidone iodine wash
- Icing sugar for odour control
- Mesorb™ or Mextra™ secured with Mefix™
- PRN analgesia prior to wound dressings
- Rescue medication (tranexamic acid) if required

CONSIDERATIONS

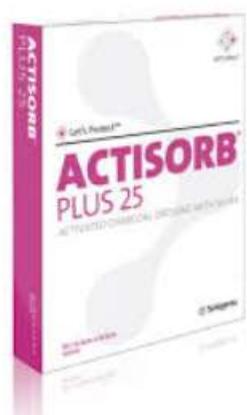
Wound

- Odour management
- Exudate control
- Pain
- Protection of periwound skin
- Control of bleeding

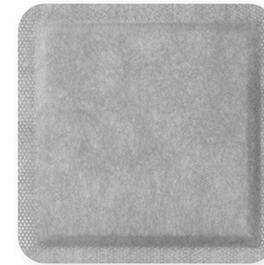
Consumer

- Dressings restrict mobility
- Emotional distress (smell, appearance, bulky dressings, pain)

ODOUR

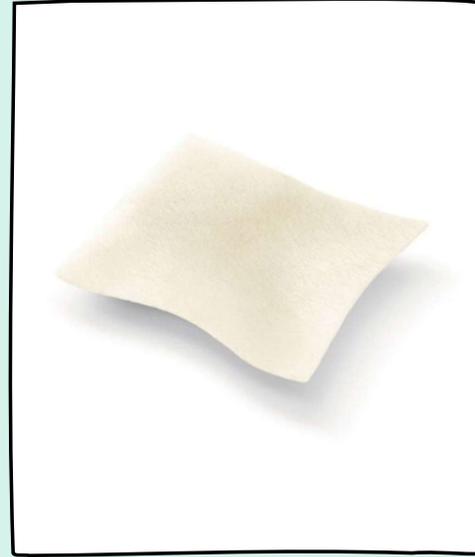


EXUDATE



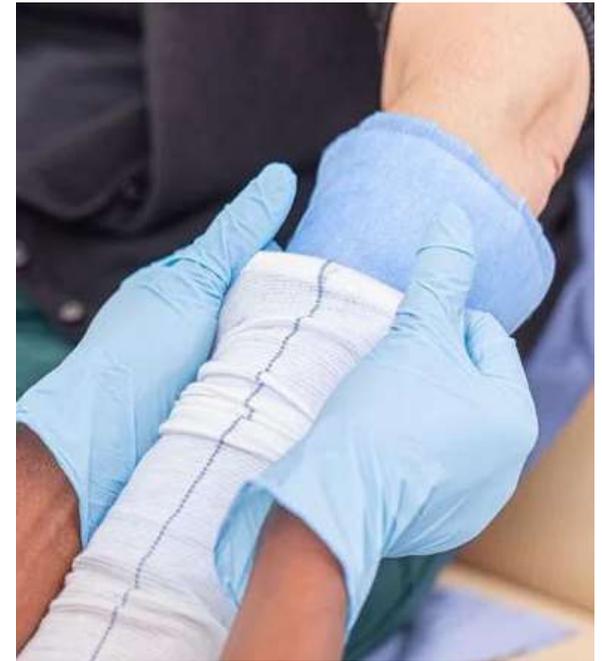


PERIWOUND SKIN



CONTROL OF BLEEDING

RETENTION



WOUND MANAGEMENT PLAN

Option 1

- PHMB cleanser
- Barrier preparation
- Silver alginate
- Superabsorbent dressing
- Charcoal dressing
- Non-stretch cohesive retention bandage
- 2nd daily or if >75% strikethrough on secondary dressing

Option 2

- PHMB cleanser
- Barrier preparation
- Silver impregnated wound contact layer
- Superabsorbent dressing
- Charcoal dressing
- Silicone-backed fixation tape
- Primary dressing 7-10 days with secondary dressing as required

EVALUATION PLAN / OUTCOME

Set treatment goals

Aim for improved symptom control within 2 weeks

Pain management

End-of-life care planning

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HealthPathways purpose

Gold Coast HealthPathways is a web-based platform offers clinicians locally agreed information to make the right decisions, together with patients, at the point of care.

What's different about HealthPathways?

HealthPathways is designed and written for use during a consultation. Each pathway provides clear and concise guidance for assessing and managing a patient with a particular symptom or condition. Pathways also include information about making requests to services in the local health system.

Content is developed collaboratively by general practitioners, hospital clinicians, and a wide range of other health professionals. Each pathway is evidence-informed, but also reflects local reality, and aims to preserve clinical autonomy and patient choice. HealthPathways serves to reduce unwarranted variation and accelerate evidence into practice.

About Gold Coast HealthPathways

Gold Coast HealthPathways is designed to help clinicians navigate the complex health care systems of the Gold Coast. It is an initiative of Gold Coast Health, in partnership with Clinical Excellence Queensland, Gold Coast Primary Health Network, and Children's Health Queensland.

Contact Us

Contact the Gold Coast HealthPathways team at gchealthpathways@health.qld.gov.au to:

- Get involved in developing a pathway.
- Request a pathway to be localised or developed.

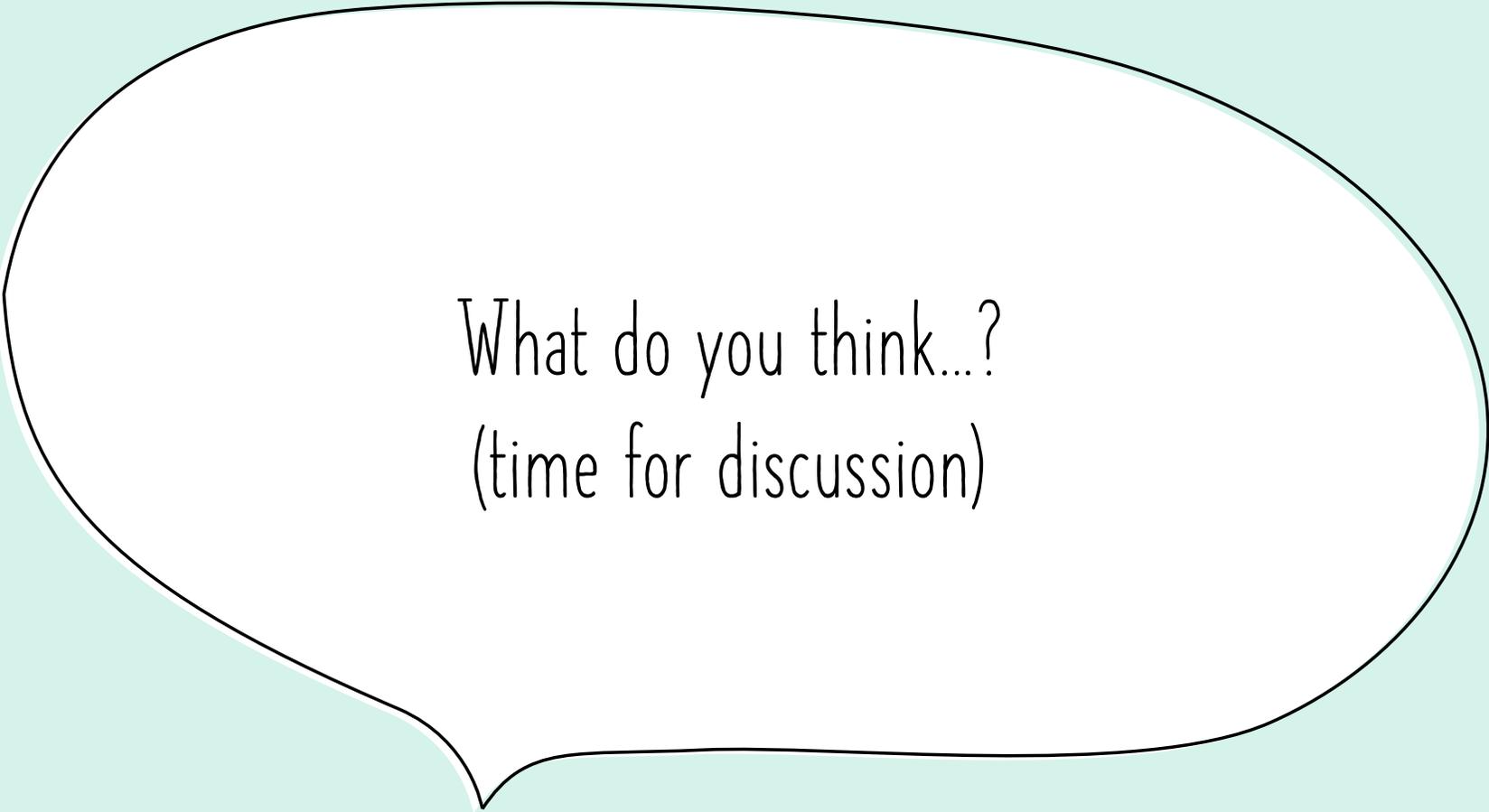
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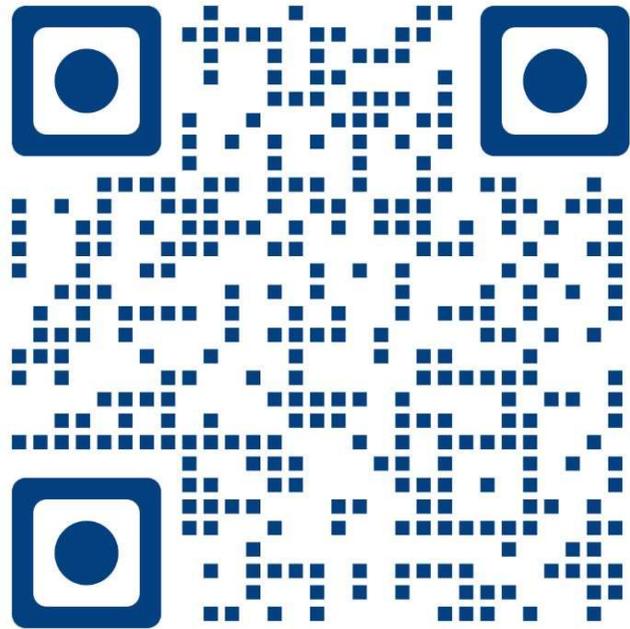


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FULLY PRACTICAL INFECTED WOUNDS WORKSHOP

Date: Thursday 26 February
Time: 1 - 3pm (registration from 12.30pm)
Venue: Churches of Christ Golden Aged Care
64 Billabirra Crescent Nerang

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Topic: Pressure Injuries



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