**Focus Area** 

Why improve this focus area?

QI Ideas

"What" of the Action Plan

## Resources

## Wound Management

Chronic wounds severely reduce quality of life, capacity to work and increase social isolation<sup>1</sup>. They also impose substantial costs to patients and the healthcare system.

Achievement of improved wound management at a lower cost remains a sensible goal for Australia.

<sup>1</sup> Phillips T, Stanton et al. A study of the impact of leg ulcers on quality of life: financial, social and psychologic implications. To improve management of wound resources and supplies in general practice.

To initiate a nurse led clinic for the treatment and management of wounds.

Intensify and improve education and training in wound management for practice nurses.

Improve education and training to consumers.

## **Health Pathways**

General Wound Assessment and Management - Community HealthPathways Western Victoria

Wound Care - Community
HealthPathways Western Victoria

## Patient/Clinic Resources

Solution to the Chronic Wounds Problem in Australia – A call to action