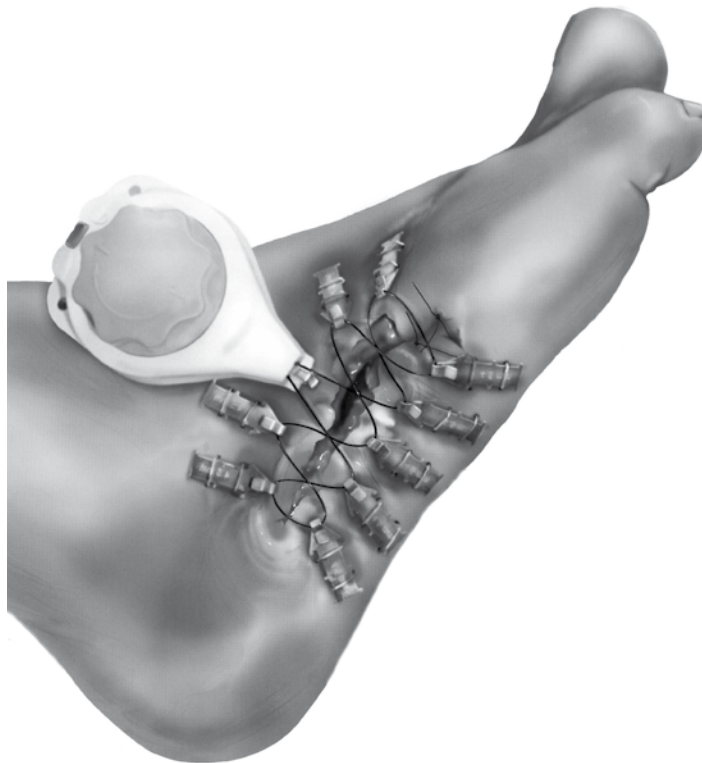


UNIT 4 Wound care

- a Look at the picture. Choose the adjectives from the box below to describe the wound

shallow	infected	wide
deep	clean	small



- b Read the text about *DermaClose RC* below. In pairs, answer the following questions.

- 1 What exactly is DermaClose RC?
- 2 How does it work?
- 3 What happens at the end of the process?
- 4 What are the three advantages of the device?

Using DermaClose RC for wound management

DermaClose RC is a continuous external tissue expander. It is applied to wounds so that the skin around the wound can be stretched. The wound can later be closed with sutures or clips. The device provides continuous tension to the wound and is applied in a shoelace pattern to stretch the skin until the edges of the wound are brought close enough for final suturing.

The DermaClose RC reduces the area of the wound very quickly. It reduces the length of scars significantly. The device provides health care professionals with greater flexibility to address moderate-to-large acute and chronic wounds.

C Complete the description of DermaClose RC. Use the words from the box below.

DermaClose RC is a device which is used to **(1)** _____ the skin around wounds. It is used on **(2)** _____ wounds which cannot be closed until they are smaller. When the wound is ready to be closed, it is sutured or **(3)** _____ together. Clips are placed around the wound and then a **(4)** _____ is laced between the clips. Then the DermaClose RC is **(5)** _____ so the wound edges start to join together. The device can be used on **(6)** _____ or large wounds.

moderate	stitched	applied	wide	thread	stretch
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d Match the terms 1–6 with their meanings a–f.

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| 1 wound | a stitch which is used to sew a wound together |
| 2 suture | b the outside part of a wound |
| 3 clips | c long-term |
| 4 wound edge | d break or injury in the skin |
| 5 acute | e metal device used to close a wound |
| 6 chronic | f short and severe injury |

Share your knowledge

- 1 What are the advantages of this technology?
- 2 What sort of wound dressings have you used on wounds like this?