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Why WAWLC??

World Alliance for Wound
And
Lymphoedema Care

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 - Sufering
 - Morbidity
 - Mortality

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What kind of wounds

- Pressure ulcers
- Venous ulcers
- Arterial ulcers
- Tropical ulcers
- Leprosis
- Filariasis
- Burn, road traffic accidents
- Professional accidents
- War related wounds

Diabetic Foot Ulcers in Africa

- 7-8 million patients with diabetes in Africa ⁽¹⁾
- Sub-Saharan Africa will experience greatest rise in prevalence of diabetes over next 20 years ⁽¹⁾
- Diabetes is a leading cause of morbidity and mortality in Sub-Saharan Africa ^(2,3)
- Foot ulcer is presenting symptom of diabetes in 26% of patients ⁽⁵⁾
- Mortality rate is as high as 54% ^(3,4)

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2) Abbas AG, Archibald LK. *Med Sci Monit* 2005;11:RA262-70

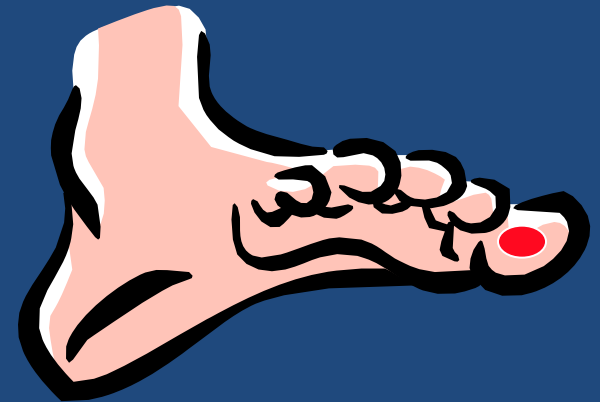
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- 70% of all lower limb amputations in Tanzania due to diabetic foot complications ⁽¹⁾
- 33% of diabetic patients admitted to hospital with diabetic foot ulcer have amputation during that admission ⁽¹⁾



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Modern Wound Care

- What's new in wound care



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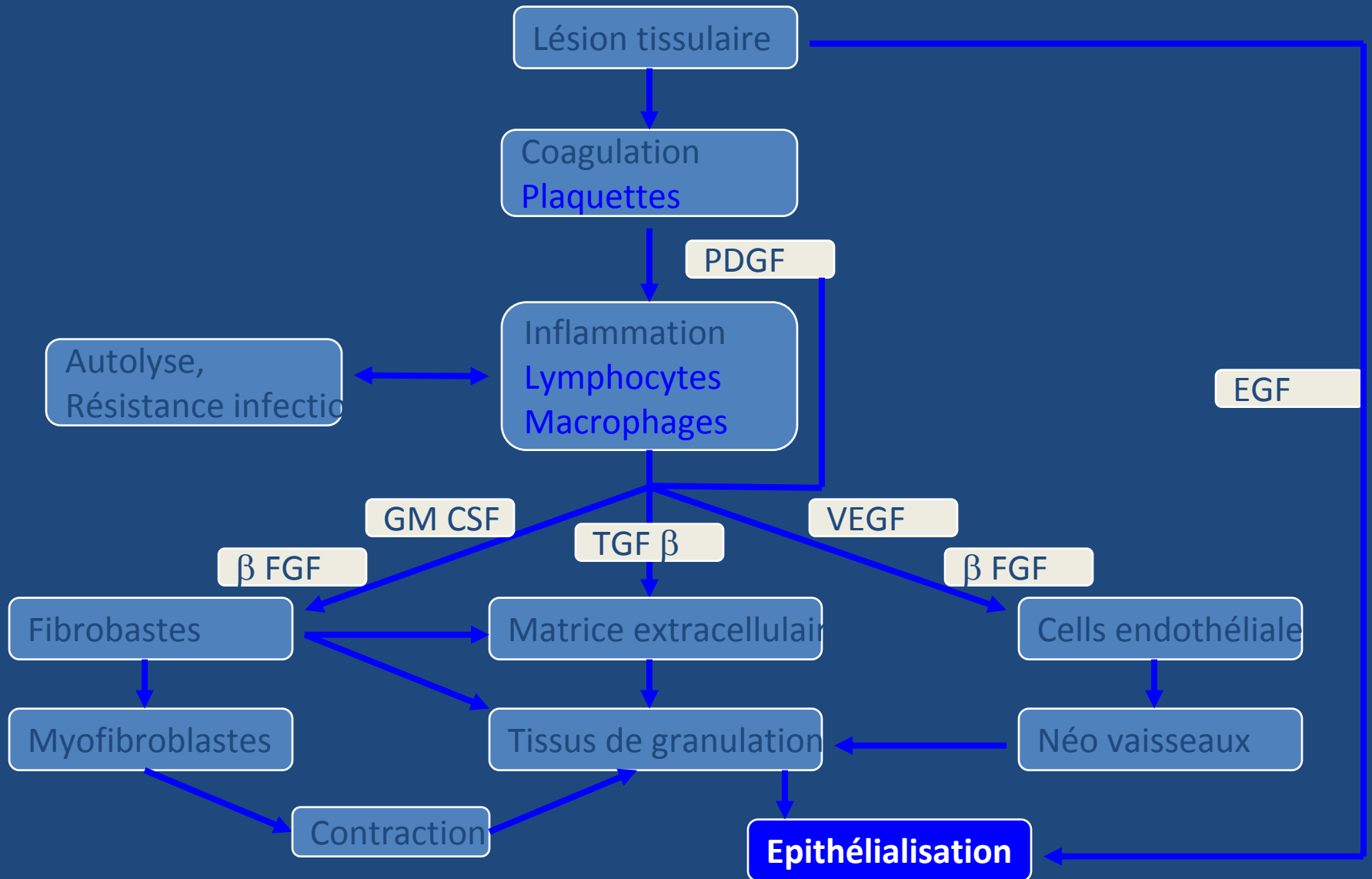
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 - Industrial countries
 - Urban areas

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- Going from dry to moist environment



Cicatrisation



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- No compression bandages



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“Teach the Teachers”

KISS

“Keep it simple stupid”

5 basic Wound Care Principles

- **EVALUATE AND ADDRESS SYSTEMIC CONDITIONS**
- **PROTECT THE WOUND FROM TRAUMA**
- **PROMOTE A CLEAN WOUND BASE , PREVENT INFECTION**
- **MAINTAIN A MOIST ENVIRONMENT**
- **CONTROL PERI-WOUND LYMPHEDEMA / EDEMA**

WAWLC

A new global health partnership created to harmonize and intensify actions at country regional and global levels in support of optimal care for people suffering from chronic wounds & lymphoedema

WAWLC MISSION

Working in partnership with
communities worldwide to advance
sustainable prevention and care for
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World Alliance for Wound and Lymphoedema Care

Advisory Committee



Multilateral Organizations

Private Sector

Professional Associations

Forum of Partners

Donors & Foundations

NGO'S

Research & Academic Institutions

Countries

WAWLC --- Education Design

1. Site visit and evaluation
2. Teaching seminars by funded wound and lymphedema educators
3. Follow up teaching by volunteer wound and lymphedema clinicians

Best Practice Recommendations for Wound and Lymphoedema Management





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http://whqlibdoc.who.int/publications/2010/9789241599139_eng.pdf



<http://www.who.int/buruli/en/>

2ND ANNOUNCEMENT · CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

20th Conference of the
European Wound Management Association

EWMA2010 · 26-28 MAY
GENEVA · SWITZERLAND

GET THE TIMING RIGHT

Trilingual:
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German

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Swiss Association for Wound Care, SAFW (Swiss French Section)



Conclusions

- Wound care is a major issue
- We must work in order to:
 - Raise awareness of the problem
 - Teach modern woundcare
 - In a sustainable way
 - Modern wound care is not modern dressings



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