

Introducing

**BLASTX<sup>®</sup>**

Antimicrobial Biofilm Wound Gel



*Oraderm Pharmaceuticals is an Australian company specialising in conditions of the skin*



# Wound Basics

Wounds generally fall into two categories: **ACUTE** and **NON HEALING (CHRONIC)**

## 1. Acute Wounds

- Burns
- Surgical
- Trauma
- Cuts

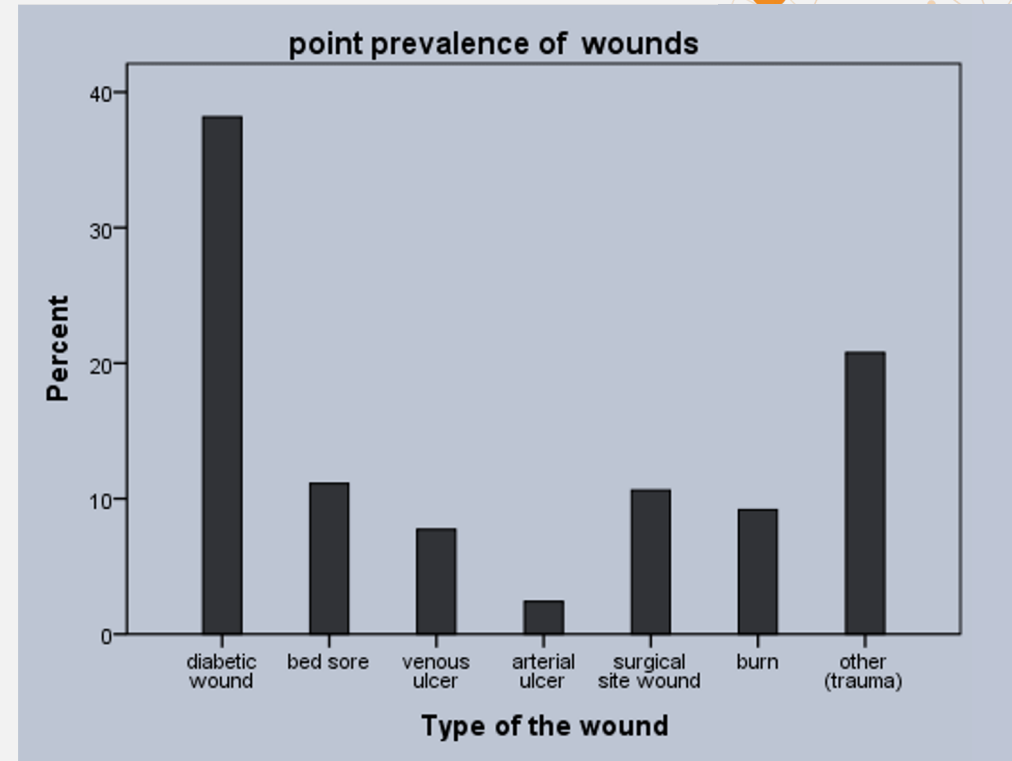


# Wound Basics

## 2. Non-healing Wounds

Patients with comorbid health risks are more likely to have  $\geq 1$  non healing wound

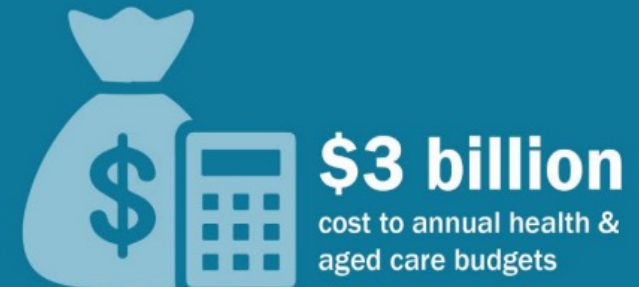
1. Cardiovascular disease
2. Diabetes
3. Elderly
4. Conditions and Medications compromising immune system



# The financial impact of chronic wounds

## The Hidden Epidemic

### Wounds Australia's Budget Priorities to fight chronic wounds



[https://treasury.gov.au/sites/default/files/2022-03/258735\\_wounds\\_australia.pdf](https://treasury.gov.au/sites/default/files/2022-03/258735_wounds_australia.pdf)

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# Patient Life Impact of Wounds

## Did you know?

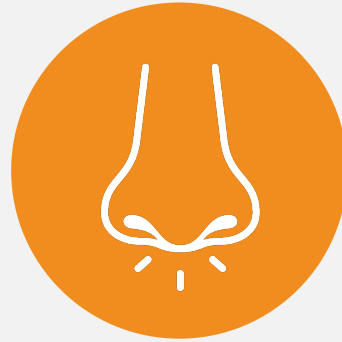
1. Delayed Wound Healing causes **significant Impact on patient Quality of Life**
  - Pain can prevent people from working, studying or enjoying activities others take for granted
  - Wound discomfort – pain, smell, appearance
  - Can lead to social stigma
2. **Australians often delay treatment for wounds** because they do not know the warning signs or where to seek help
3. **Delay in seeking treatment** significantly increases the healing time and cost of treatment.
4. The cost of treatment is often unaffordable - **patients select products that are less effective and delay healing which causes further financial impact and stress**

# Symptoms in the at risk population



## PAIN & HEAT

Wounds that are red, swollen, hot & painful



## ODOUR

Wounds with a strange or unpleasant smell



## EXCESS FLUID

Wounds that have a thick, yellowish fluid

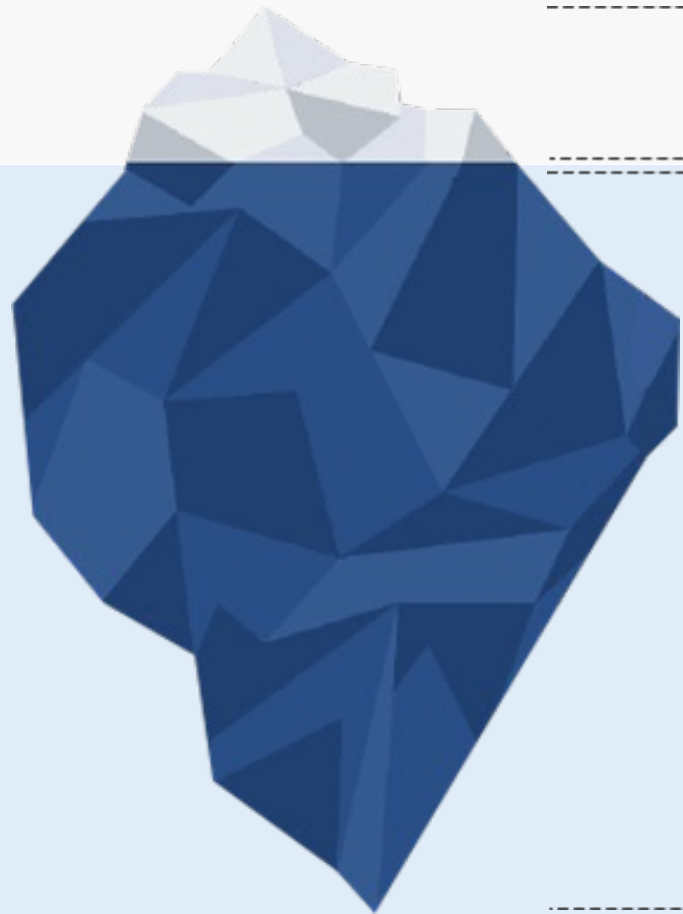


## SLOW HEALING

Wounds taking longer than a month to heal

**INDICATIONS OF INFECTION & BIOFILM PRESENCE**

# INFECTION FACTS: BACTERIA are either Free Floating or Biofilm Matrixed



▶ **10%** of bacteria are planktonic/ free-floating

▶ **90%** of bacteria exist in biofilms structure which act as a single entity

# Biofilms contribute to Antibiotic Resistance

- ❖ Biofilms are powerful communities of bacteria that function as a single entity with behaviours and defences that can produce chronic and recurrent infections.
- ❖ Biofilm bacteria are protected within a matrix, surrounded by a defensive “slime” layer, that adheres to surfaces including skin, dressings etc and acts as a protective defence
- ❖ Biofilms act as a physical barrier obstructing the penetration of antibiotics and contribute to phenotypic resistance
- ❖ Antiseptics have no effect on biofilm and act to slow the metabolism of bacteria
- ❖ **BLASTX Destory bacteria, Deconstruct biofilm and Defends against re-infection**



Percival SL, Vuotto C, Donelli G, Lipsky BA. Biofilms and wounds: an identification algorithm and potential treatment options. *Adv Wound Care* (New Rochelle). 2015;4(7):389



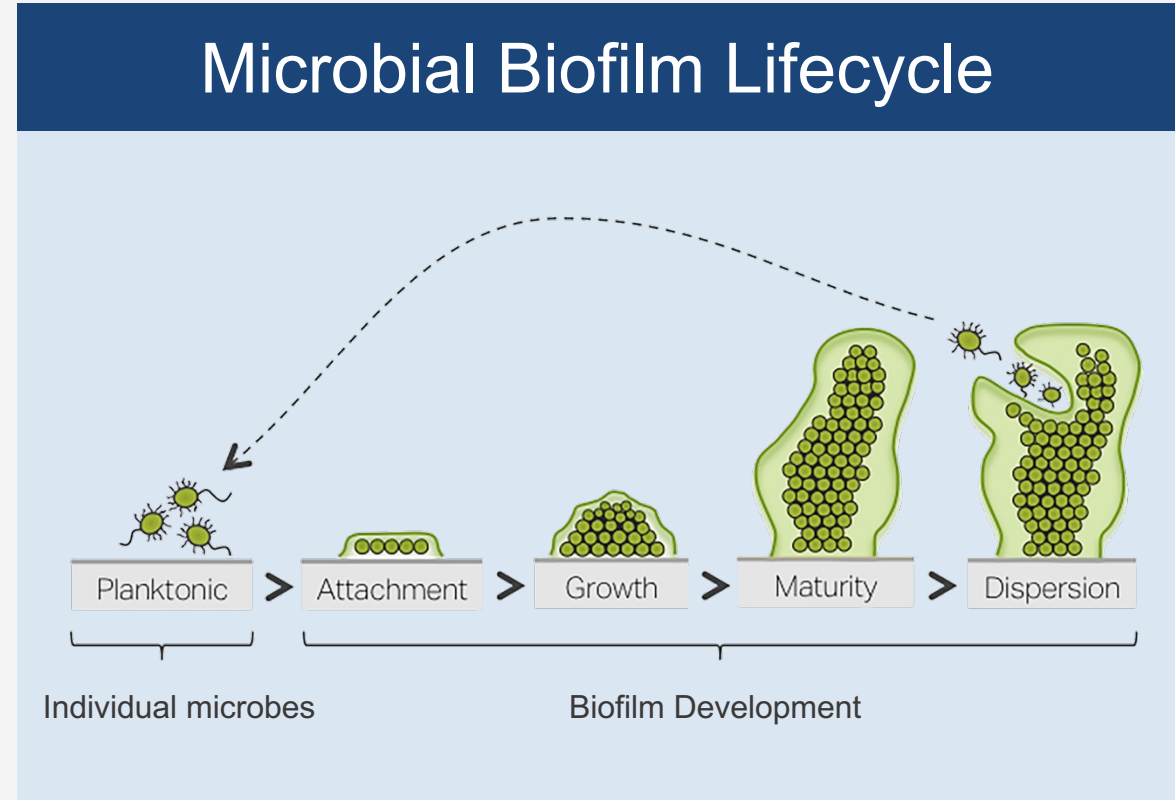
# Biofilms are persistent and harmful

Biofilm is involved  
in **90%** of chronic  
infections

Mature biofilms spawn new colonies

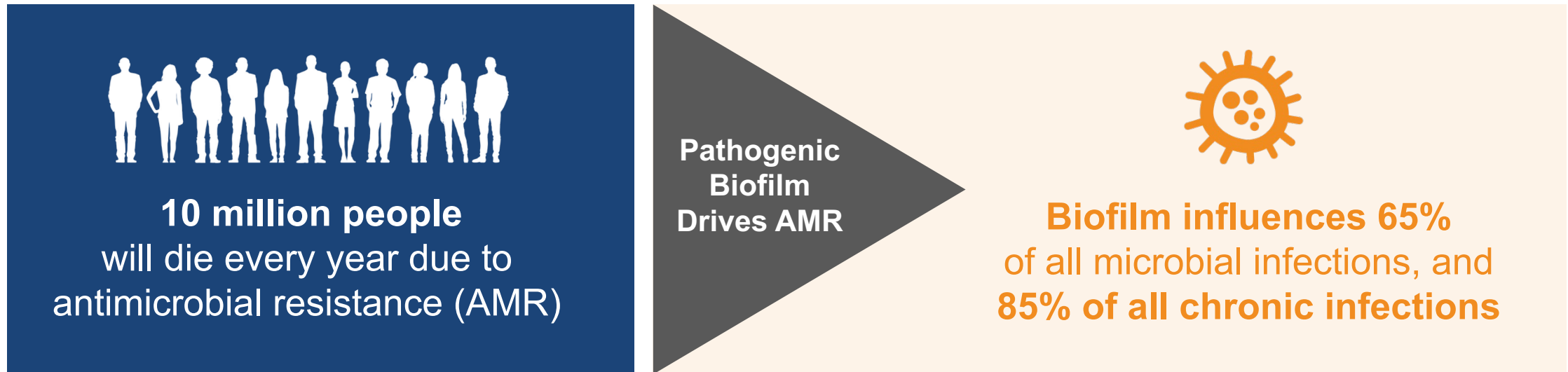
Biofilm Impacts  
Patient **Quality of Life**

HCP time and financial impact



# Biofilm's role in resistance

By 2050 infection will be the largest cause of worldwide death<sup>1</sup>



🦠 **Biofilm contribute to phenotypic resistance**

🦠 **Biofilm is physical barrier to antibacterials**

🦠 **Treating biofilm will push the wound toward healing**

[doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736\(21\)02724-0](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(21)02724-0) Bull World Health Organ. 2016 Sep 1;94(9):638-639. doi: 10.2471/BLT.16.020916. Erratum in: Bull World Health Organ. 2016 Oct 1;94(10):784. PMID: 27708467; PMCID: PMC5034641. Malone M. et al. The prevalence of biofilms in chronic wounds: a systematic review and meta-analysis of published data. J Wound Care 2017; 26(1): 20-25

# Did you know?

We can't  
see biofilms

Biofilms  
form within  
5-10 mins

Antiseptics and antibacterials cannot penetrate biofilm



# Impact of biofilm and non healing wounds

## Clinical Impact

- Infection
- Pain
- Malodour
- Delayed wound healing

## Patient Impact

- Highly stressful
- Isolating
- Debilitating/Loss of function
- Extended hospital stay
- Increased cost
- Social and family impact

Individuals also live in fear of recurrence and complications



IDF . IDF Diabetes Atlas. 9th ed. International Diabetes Federation; Brussels, Belgium: 2019

# Tips for Dressing a Wound

- Wash hands with soap and water before and after the dressing
- Clean the wound bed well
- Apply **BlastX** antimicrobial biofilm wound gel to the wound bed and edge
- Cover the wound with an appropriate dressing will create and maintain a moist environment suitable for fast healing and protects the wound from external contamination
- Leaving a wound uncovered will interfere with healing and increase scar risk and ongoing infection
- If the skin is fragile then use a bandage to hold the dressing in place to minimise damage to the skin
- Change the dressing every 3-5 days or immediately if it gets wet or becomes loose or dirty



# BLASTX<sup>®</sup>

## Antimicrobial Biofilm Wound Gel

**Deconstructs** the biofilm

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**Destroys** bacteria within the gel

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**Defends** against recolonisation

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And Moisture for fast wound Healing



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## Antimicrobial Biofilm Wound Gel

- Thick white hydrogel
- Non toxic – no systemic uptake
- Broad spectrum activity for bacteria and fungi including:  
S. aureus, S. epidermidis, P. aeruginosa, A. baumannii,  
Klebsiella pneumoniae, MRSA
- Increases wound healing rates
- Bacteria and Biofilms cannot reform in the presence of BlastX
- 2 tube sizes 7.5mL and 30mL

**Bacteria and Biofilm removal + moisture protection  
promotes healing and reduces risk of scar formation**



Wolcott, R. (2015). Disrupting the biofilm matrix improves wound healing outcomes. *Journal of Wound Care* 24(8), 366-71. Kim D, et al. *Wounds*. 2018;30(5):120-130. Miller KG *et al.* Next Science Wound Gel Technology, a Novel Agent That Inhibits Biofilm Development by Gram-Positive and Gram-Negative Wound Pathogens. *Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy* 2014. 58(6): 3060 -3072

# The BLASTX patient

BLASTX is a non-toxic antimicrobial biofilm wound gel for the **management of wounds** such as:

- 🦠 Surgical site infections
- 🦠 First and second-degree burns
- 🦠 Grafted and donor sites
- 🦠 Partial and full thickness wounds
- 🦠 Pressure injuries
- 🦠 Diabetic foot and leg wounds





# How does BLASTX work on bacteria and biofilm?



Australian Patented technology is underpinned by targeted action of 4 key ingredients



**DECONSTRUCTS**  
the biofilm

**Sodium Citrate and Citric Acid**

Removes metal ions of the EPS, exposing pathogens within the biofilm



**DESTROYS**  
pathogens within  
the XBIO™ technology

**Benzalkonium Chloride**

High osmolarity environment + antimicrobial surfactant induces lysis of bacteria within the gel



**DEFENDS**  
against recolonisation

**Citric Acid**

Biofilm matrix cannot reform in the presence of low pH BLASTX

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# BLASTX: How to apply



## Best practice wound bed preparation before application

### STEP 1



Apply BLASTX directly to the wound  
Apply BLASTX 3mm thick and cover the entire wound bed to the wound edge

### STEP 2



Cover with appropriate dressing  
Do not use alginate dressings  
Reapply with each dressing change

1mL covers 5cm



*“You can’t heal [a wound] until the biofilm is out, the inflammation is curbed and the wound is reset. destroy pathogens, extinguish chronic inflammation, reset the wound healing trajectory all with the BlastX Xbio technology”.*

Dr Matthew Regulski, DPM

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## Antimicrobial Wound Gel

# Quiz and Feedback

**Patients with known comorbidities are at risk of non healing wounds. What symptoms are indicative that a patient may be experiencing a wound that is not healing?**

- A. Pain on walking
- B. Malodour
- C. Excessive moisture
- D. Unhealed for more than 28 days
- E. All of the above

**What type of acute wounds is BlastX helpful to heal? Tick all that apply?**

- A. Surgical Site infections
- B. Burns
- C. Ulcers
- D. Partial Thickness skin trauma



# Quiz and Feedback

**What type of wounds of those listed below are the most prevalent?**

1. Surgical Infections
2. Diabetes Foot Ulcers
3. Venous or arterial ulcers

**Bacteria mostly exist in communities of pathogens called biofilms?**

- A. True
- B. False

**Biofilms exert a negative impact on host immunity and inflammation in the wound bed?**

- A. True
- B. False

**Which of the following statements is true?**

1. Biofilms cause phenotypic resistance and act as a physical defence to antimicrobials
2. Biofilms cannot reform in five minutes
3. Biofilms only attach to the skin of immunocompromised people

