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- Patients need to understand the frequency of dressing change before the treatment is commenced
- the use of appropriate assessment tools can aid communication, monitoring and evaluations
- The skin is likely to look red at first dressing change, but this has no clinical significance

Further Research

- Future research to understand the role of biofilm in wound healing are necessary
- There is a need to explore other methods of providing patient information in relation to research studies in wound care

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Example: Chang AB, Nickson BC, Eliasson DG, Gold LA, Aver E, Petterson PA, et al. What is the function of skin? 3rd ed. Paris: Sunshine Publishing; 2000.

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