



Accelerating wound care competency development, management and documentation

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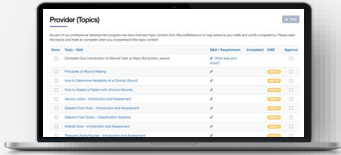
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INTRODUCTION

Wound care professionals will continue to be in demand, as the population older than 65 years is projected to grow by 25% by 2060.^{1,2} Wound care clinicians usually have diverse training/experience/background, which can lead to inconsistent care and result in poor outcomes.^{3,4} To standardize and improve healthcare professionals' knowledge level, the Joint Commission recommends developing a competency program.^{5,6} However, consistently ensuring clinicians' competency is difficult, given time and resource constraints.

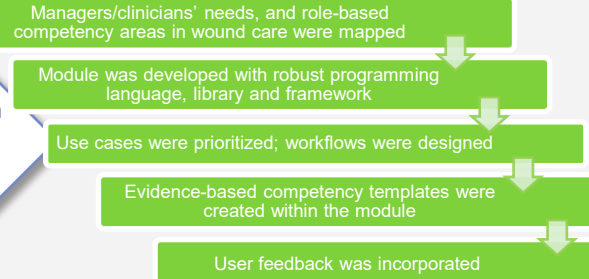
OBJECTIVE

To address these obstacles, we aimed to create a solution to overcome obstacles in wound care competency development, management and documentation.



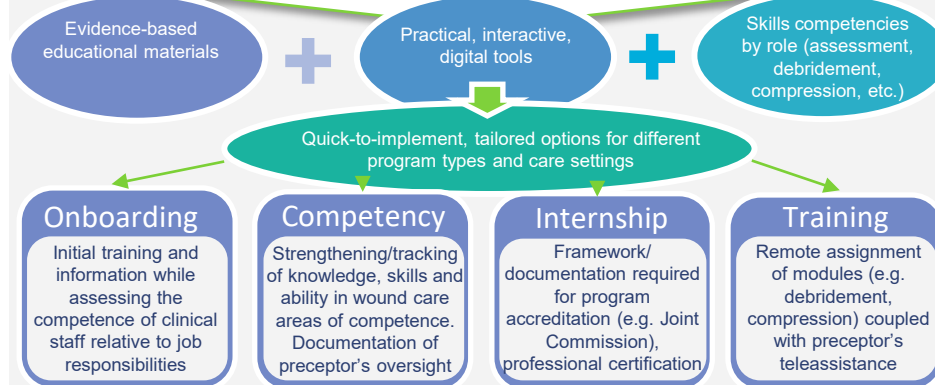
METHOD

Using the Design Thinking methodology⁷, the solution* was created as a module within a clinical/reimbursement decision support web-application for wound care/hyperbaric clinicians



RESULTS

The module is a cloud-based, mobile-responsive solution that allows programs to build their own customized competencies or implement standard role-specific wound care competency templates to onboard/train staff and manage clinician's competencies.



CONCLUSIONS

A solution to accelerate wound care competency development, management and documentation was created. Users reported benefits include care standardization, increased efficiency in employee onboarding/orientation, and ability to track competencies for employee development, licensure, certification and facility accreditation.



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