

# Malignant wounds

## Questions from the healthcare provider

How long has the person had the wound? What caused the wound?

- Have they had any previous treatment such as surgery, radiation, or chemotherapy for the wound?
- What treatments or dressings have been tried?
- Do they have other diseases or health problems such as diabetes, a bleeding disorder, or a loss of sensation?

What medications are they taking?

Has the person lost weight? How is their appetite?

Does the person have concerns about how they look to others?

- Does the wound make it difficult for the person to go out or socialize with others? Do they feel depressed?
- Does the wound affect walking, sitting, or lying down? Does the wound affect day-to-day activities?

Is the wound painful? Does it hurt to have the dressings changed?

- How much is the wound draining?
- What kind of drainage is coming out of the wound? What colour is it? Is it bloody?

Is there any odour? How strong is the odour? Are they doing anything to manage it?

What does the skin around the wound look or feel like? Is there any redness, swelling, pain, or warmth?

What is the person most concerned about?