Wound Images to Support Clinical Assessment in Telehealth

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- Largest state in Australia
- one-third of Australian continent
- 2,525,500 km², 1 million square miles
- Specialist medical services in Perth
The Wound Image

- Taken with the patient’s permission
- Used with medical and injury history
- Visual reference
- Part of the medical record
- Videoconferencing (VC)
- Store and forward
Location
Size
Wound Characteristics
Mapping changes
Essentials

- Patient permission/comfort/privacy
- Experienced clinician
- Delete from camera
Benefits

• To the Patient
• Timeliness
• Assessment
• Networks
• Education
In to the future...

• Secure systems and networks
• Encourage resilience
• Quality / Equitable care
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