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Principles of Debridement in Diabetic Foot Infection

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1904 Severance Memorial Hospital

1913 Severance Medical School

2005 Main building of the Severance Hospital



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Introduction



Debridement is the removal of devascularized or infected tissue or foreign material from, or adjacent to, a wound with the aim of exposing healthy tissue

- Carville 2001

Principles of local wound management

Wound bed preparation

- **T** tissue viability
 - Debride non-viable tissue
 - (unless contraindicated)
- **I** infection & inflammation control
 - Look for clinical signs
 - Antimicrobials, antibiotics
- **M** moisture control
 - Dressings
- **E** edge
 - Edge characteristics
 - Edge advancement



When to debride

- Some infections
- Necrotic tissue
- Eschar with separation of edges, boggy
- Slough
- Blisters with clear fluid
 - Burst blisters must be debrided
- Foreign matter (eg. road dirt)
- Burns
- hematomas



When not to debride

- Debridement of dry necrotic tissue without separation of edges is **contra-indicated** where there is inadequate blood supply to support infection control & wound healing



Why debride

- **Non viable tissue will inhibit wound healing by**
 - ✓ Hindering adequate wound assessment
 - ✓ Slowing granulation
 - ✓ Inhibiting wound contraction
 - ✓ Preventing epithelial cell migration
 - ✓ Encouraging bacterial growth
 - ✓ Possibly causing malodour
- **Removal of non viable tissue can turn a chronic wound into an acute wound**
 - ✓ Removes senescent cells
 - ✓ Stimulates blood flow
 - ✓ Removes bacteria laden tissue

Methods of debridement



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Surgical	Used in surgery Extends into healthy tissue
Conservative sharp	Bedside method Does not extend into nor excise healthy tissue
Autolytic	Uses dressings to achieve the optimal moisture balance to facilitate the body's processes
Mechanical	Uses force Eg. Wet-to-dry gauze, hydrosurgery, dry gauze
Biological	Use of sterile blue-bottle fly maggots Only commercially produced maggots should be used
Chemical	Use of chemicals
Enzymatic	Use of enzymes

Factors influencing method SEVERANCE

- Extent & type of non viable tissue
- Etiology of wound
- Location of wound
- Size of wound
- Availability of resources
- Practitioner skill, experience & training
- Patient co-morbidities
- Patient wishes

Surgical debridement

- Selective & very rapid
- Uses sterile sharp instruments to remove non viable tissue
- Usually requires anesthesia
- Performed by trained surgeons
- Includes excision into healthy tissue
- Requires good control of bleeding
- Can turn a chronic wound into an acute wound
 - But, must address underlying etiology

Mechanical debridement



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- Can be selective or non-selective & rapid to slow depending on method chosen
- Bedside method – anesthetic not required but analgesia may be needed as this can be a very painful method
- Uses force
 - eg. dry gauze; wet-to-dry saline soaks; hydrosurgery
 - Ultrasound assisted (UAW)

Ultrasonic assisted wound debridement (UAW) SEVERANCE

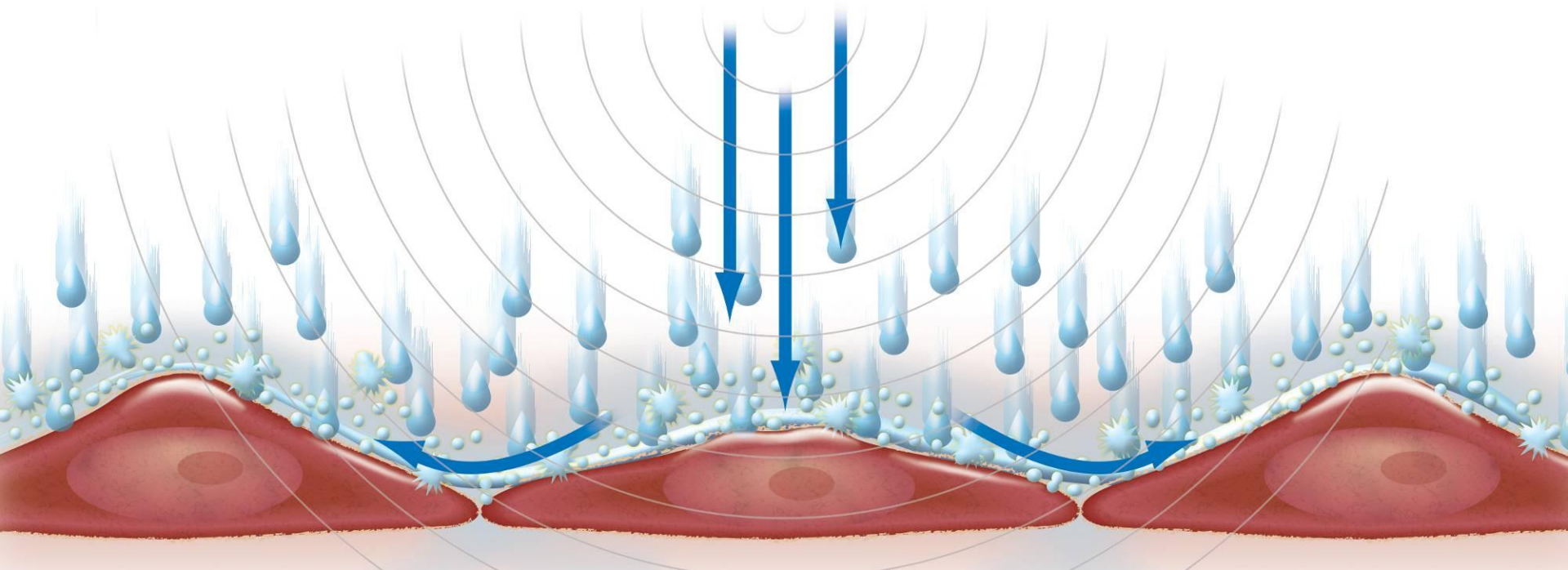
Ultrasound Applications	High Intensity Ultrasound	Low Intensity Ultrasound
MHz High Frequency	Thermal Sports Medicine Physical Therapy	Diagnostic Imaging Fetal Monitoring
kHz Low Frequency	Debridement & Wound healing Söring (25 kHz), Misonix	



Ultrasonic assisted wound debridement (UAW) SEVERANCE

This drawing depicts the effects of low frequency, non-contact, non-thermal ultrasound on human fibroblasts

- Please note the cavitation on and near the cell surface
- Please note the acoustic microstreaming along the cell surface



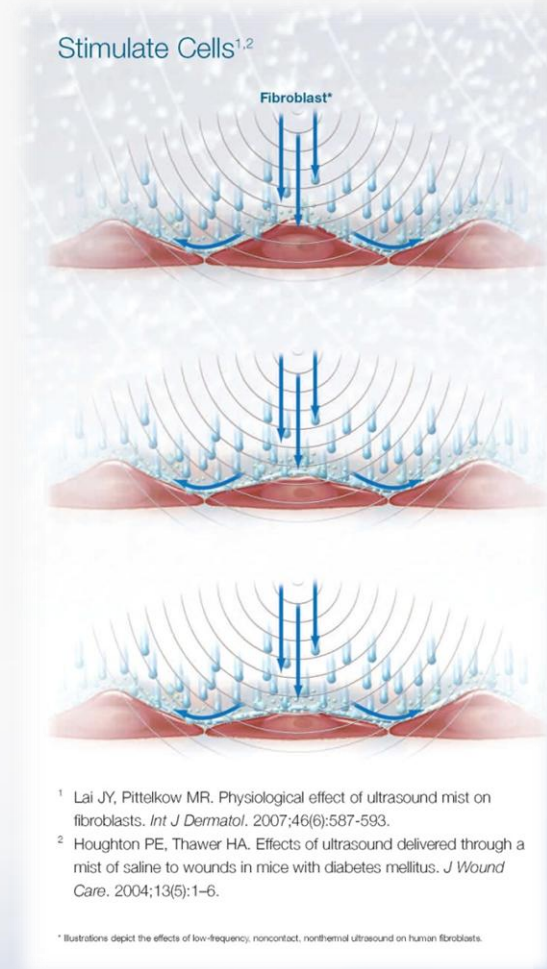
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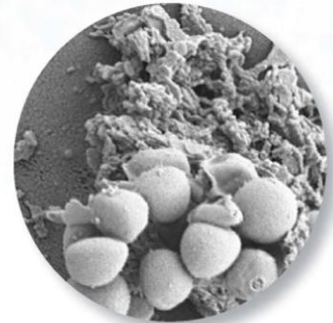
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Control



Staphylococcus aureus
(2 minutes, 30 seconds of treatment with saline)

UAW



Staphylococcus aureus
(2 minutes, 30 seconds of treatment with MIST)

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Hydrosurgery



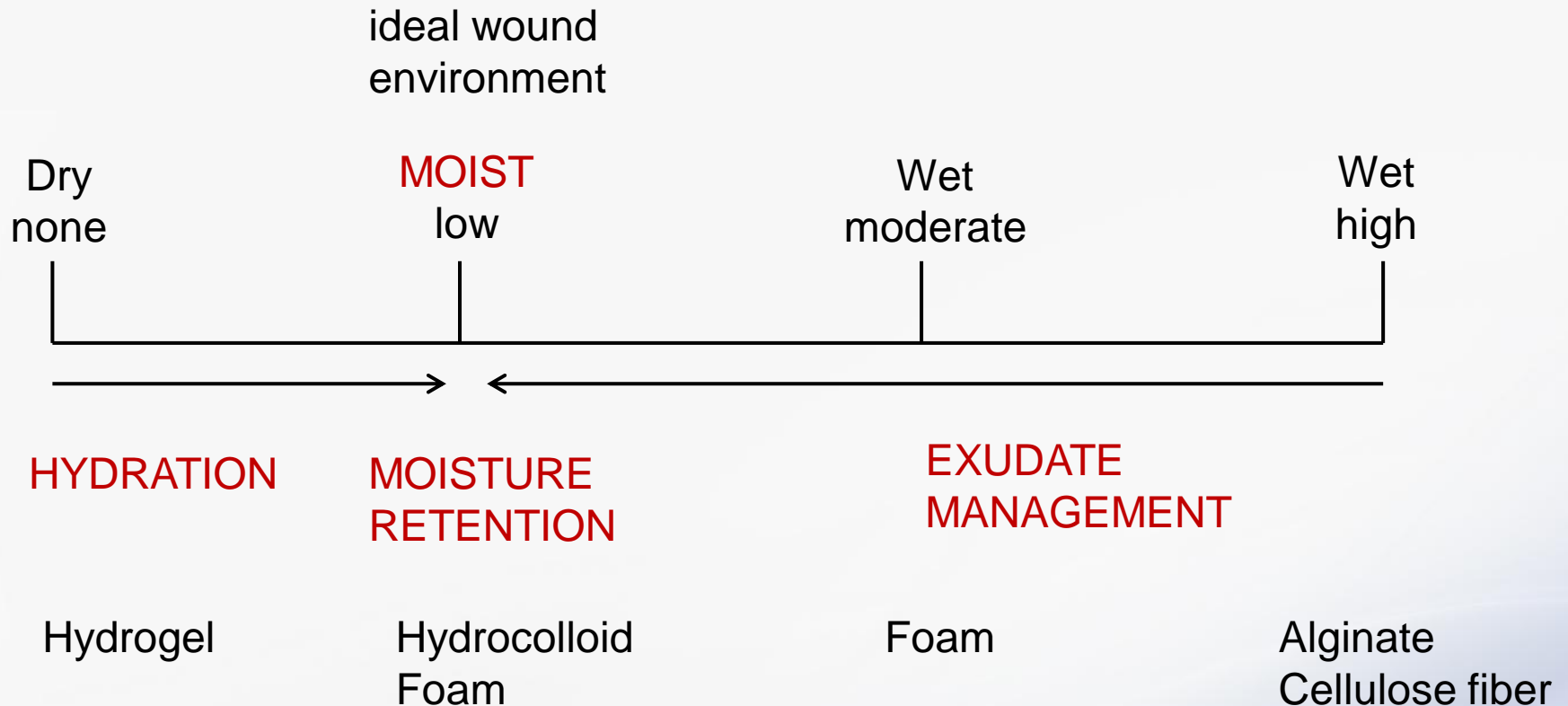
- Hydrosurgery system uses pressurized streams of sterile fluid to cut, ablate and remove tissue & foreign matter from wounds and to resect & remove material in a variety of applications
- Allows precise & controlled debridement to varying depths that is operator controlled
- Highly selective
- Can be used for operative & bed side debridement



Autolytic debridement

- Most widely used method
- Selective & slow
- Uses dressings to facilitate the body's natural ability to break down non viable tissue
- Creates the ideal wound environment
- Bedside procedure
- Gentle & painless

Basic contemporary dressings



Specialized dressings

- There are several products useful for wound debridement
 - Wet therapy (tenderwet)
 - Rapid capillary action (vacutex, advadraw)
 - High sodium (mesalt, hypergel)
 - Wound honey (medihoney gel / gel sheet)
 - Cadexomer iodine (iodosorb)

Conservative sharp debridement

- Selective & reasonably rapid
- Bedside debridement without anesthesia or local anesthesia
- Uses sterile, sharp instruments
- Does not include healthy tissue
- Usually combined with other types of debridement for optimal results
- Must have the training, skills & equipment

Biological debridement

- Selective & relatively rapid
- Uses maggots to degrade non viable tissue
- Must be correct type of maggots
 - Sterile blue-bottle fly maggots
- Practitioner training required
- Usually reserved for specialist in-patient settings

Other methods of debridement

- Chemical
 - Non selective & relatively rapid
 - Uses chemicals to break down non viable tissue
 - Not recommended d/t potential for destruction of healthy tissue & pain
- Enzymatic
 - Selective & relatively rapid
 - Uses enzymes to degrade non viable tissue

Case 1



Case 1

VAC 5 d



VAC 8 d



VAC 5 d



VAC 20 d



VAC 1 m



POD 3 m



Case 2



Case 2



Case 2

VAC 10 d



Case 2

VAC 25d



Case 2

VAC 30d



Case 2



Case 2



Case 3



Case 3



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Limb Salvage In Severe Diabetic Foot Infection

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ABSTRACT

Background: The purpose of our study was to determine the efficacy of a management algorithm that includes negative pressure wound therapy (NPWT) in diabetic feet with limb-threatening infection. **Materials and Methods:** Forty-five septic diabetic feet were treated with NPWT between 2006 and 2008. After emergent abscess evacuation, early vascular intervention was performed if necessary. Debridement, with or without partial foot amputation, was followed by NPWT. Wound progress was measured using a digital scanner. A limb was considered salvaged if complete healing was achieved without any or with minor amputation through or below the ankle. The mean followup after complete wound healing was 17 (range, 6 to 35) months. **Results:** Thirty-two cases (71%) were infected with two or more organisms. Negative pressure wound therapy was applied for 26.2 ± 14.3 days. The median time to achieve more than 75% wound area granulation was 23 (range, 4 to 55) days and 104 (range, 38 to 255) days to complete wound healing. Successful limb salvage was achieved in 44 cases (98%); 14 (31%) without any amputation and 30 (67%) with partial foot amputations. Total number of operations per limb was 2.4 ± 1.3 . One case of repeated infection and necrosis was managed with a transtibial amputation. There were no complications associated with NPWT. **Conclusion:** This study provides the outcome of

Key Words: Diabetic Foot; Infection; Amputation; Limb Salvage; Negative Pressure Wound Therapy

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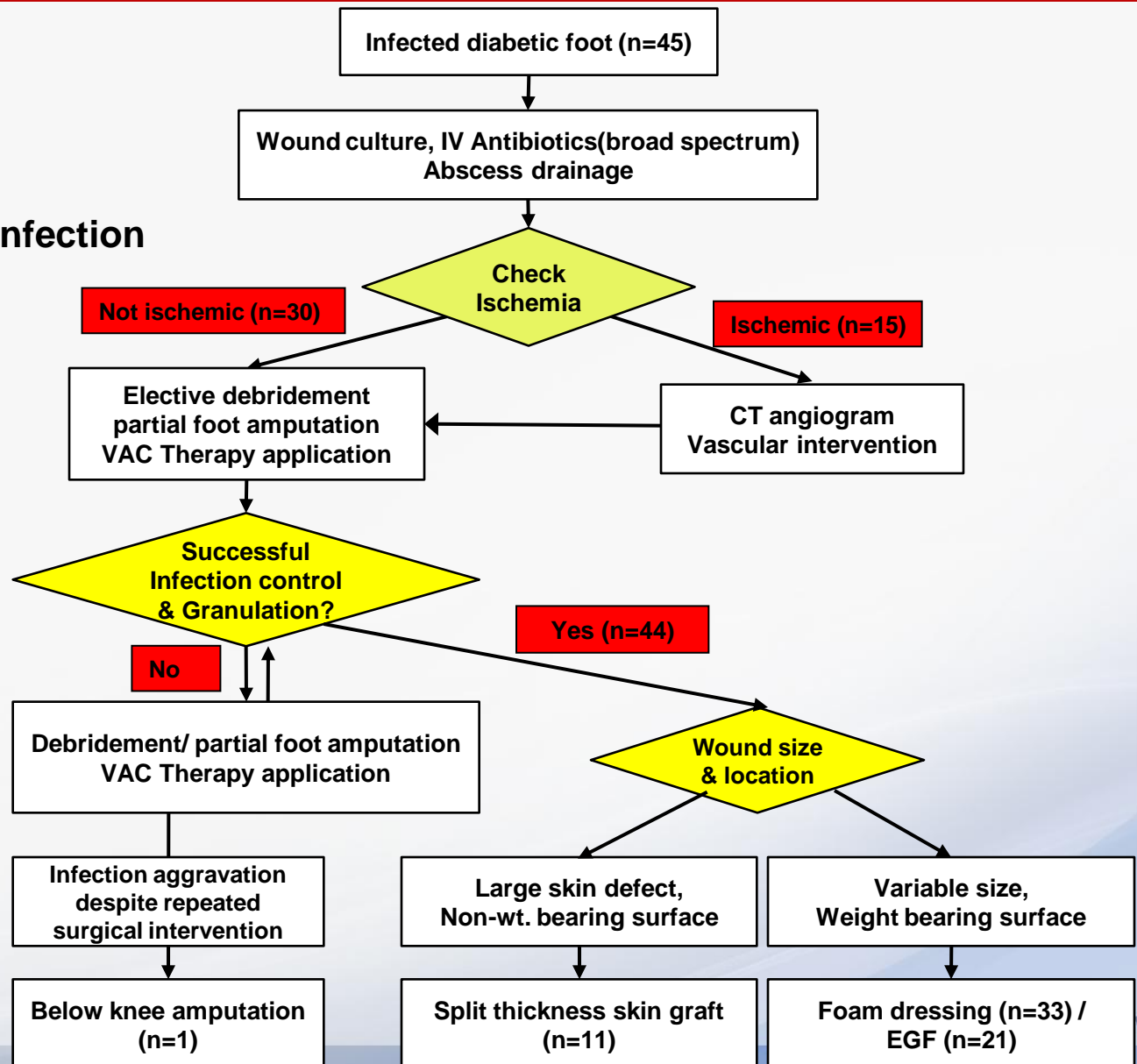
Diabetic feet, especially when accompanied by neuropathy or ischemia, are at risk for severe or extensive infection. A septic foot, defined by the presence of purulent discharge or abscess in the deep soft tissue or bone,²¹ is often limb-threatening and can lead to major amputation.

Salvaging a limb is critical because reduced activity after major amputation can cause a variety of morbidities and increased risk of mortality.^{17,20} Through various multidisciplinary programs, a substantial decrease in the incidence of major amputations in diabetic patients has been achieved.^{10,11} However, when accompanied by severe or limb-threatening infections, the rate is reported as high as 51%.^{5,21-22}

Negative pressure wound therapy (NPWT) has proven its effectiveness in various diabetic foot problems through several randomized controlled studies.^{1,4,7} Compared to standard moist gauze dressings, NPWT showed a higher proportion and rate of wound healing in diabetic ulcers,⁴ cavitation wounds,⁷ and after partial foot amputation.¹

Severance Experience

2006 ~ 2008
45 diabetic feet
with limb-threatening infection



Fast granulation with repeated debridement

Armstrong (Lancet, 2005)

Severance study (FAI, 2011)

>75%
granulation

NPWT group: 42 days
Control group: 84 days

23 days

Infectious
status

Non-infectious diabetic foot
(17% developed infection after NPWT)

Septic diabetic foot

Wound
status

100%: Secondary to amputation

31%: non-amputee
69%: Secondary to amputation



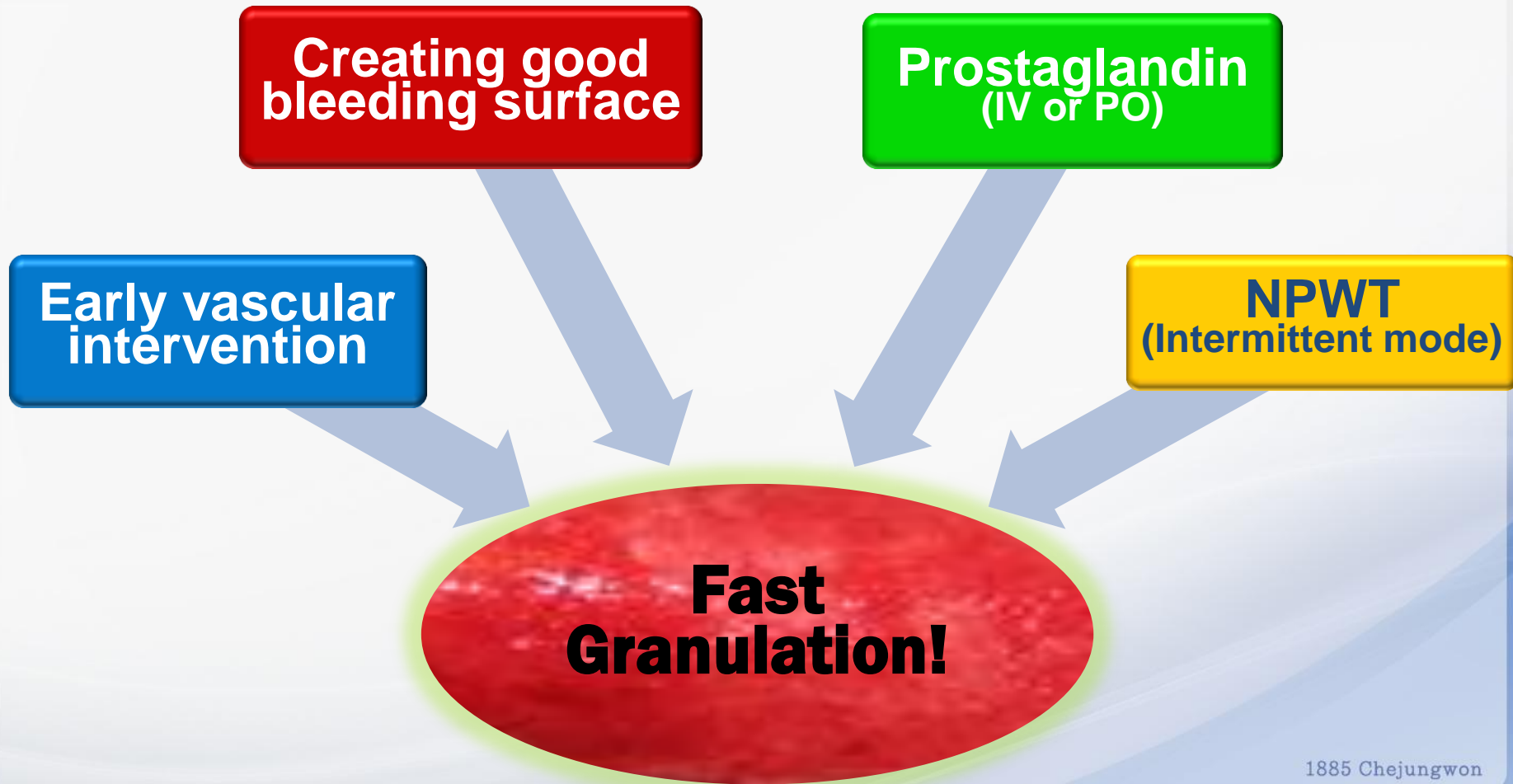
Subsequent
debridement

21%

100%



Reasons for fast granulation



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