



Normal Wound Healing

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- Wound closure:
 - A. Primary closure: Immediate suturing of the wound
 - B. Delayed primary closure: Leave stitches in the wound and close it after 3-5 days when wound is clean. We do this method for contaminated wounds.
 - C. Secondary closure: By scar formation and epithelisation.
 - D. Tertiary: By graft or flap.
- Phase of Wound Healing: Look at the diagram
 - A. Inflammatory
 - B. Proliferative phase
 - C. Remodeling phase

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<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2903966/>

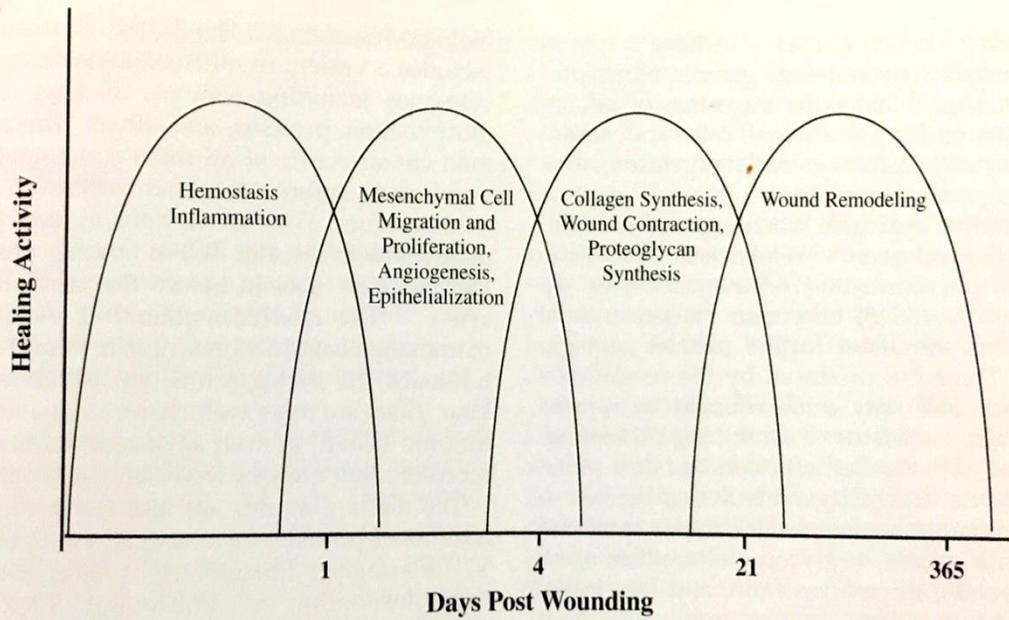


Figure 1. Phases of the healing process.

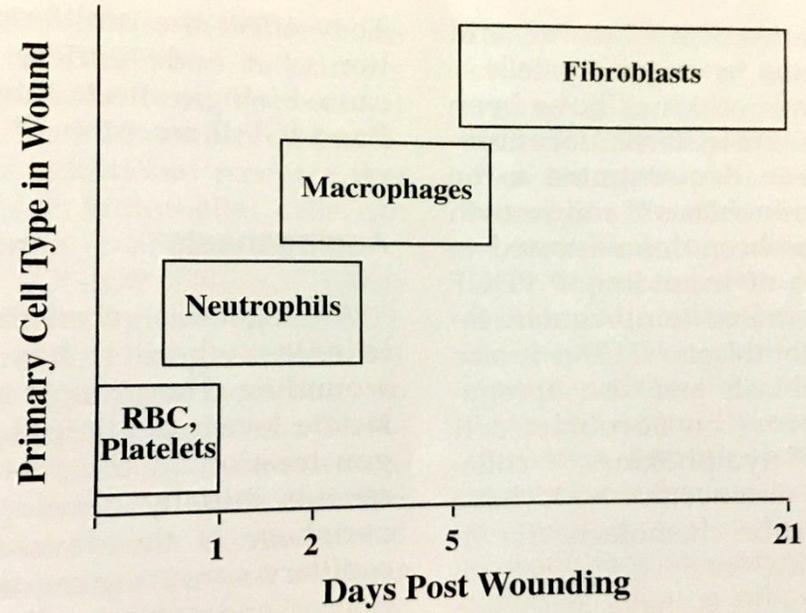


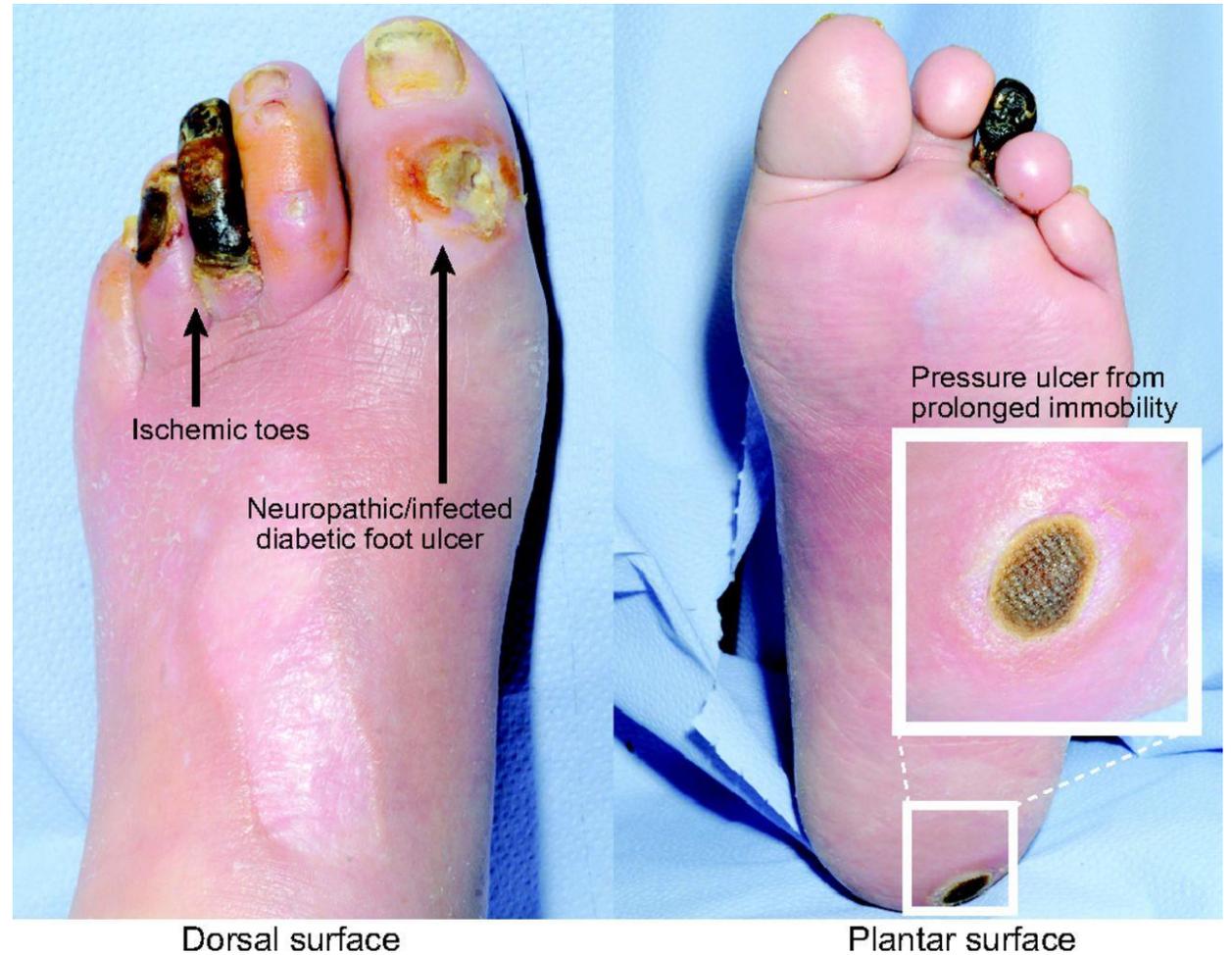
Figure 2. Cellular makeup of the healing wound.

Table 1. CYTOKINE INVOLVEMENT IN WOUND HEALING FUNCTIONS

Healing Function	Cytokines Involved
Inflammatory Cell Migration	PDGF TGF- β TNF- α
Fibroblast Migration	PDGF TGF- β EGF
Fibroblast Proliferation	PDGF TGF- β EGF IGF TNF- α IL-1
Angiogenesis	bFGF (FGF2) aFGF (FGF1) TGF- β TGF- α EGF TNF- α VEGF IL-8
Epithelialization	PD-ECGF EGF TGF- α KGF (FGF7) bFGF (FGF2) IGF
Collagen Synthesis	HB-EGF PDGF TGF- β bFGF (FGF2) EGF

PDGF = platelet-derived growth factor; TGF- β = transforming growth factor- β ; TNF- α = tumor necrosis factor- α ; EGF = epidermal growth factor; IGF = insulin-like growth factor; IL-1 = interleukin-1; bFGF = basic fibroblast growth factor; aFGF = acidic fibroblast growth factor; TGF- α = transforming growth factor- α ; VEGF = vascular endothelial growth factor; IL-8 = interleukin-8; PD-ECGF = platelet-derived-endothelial cell growth factor; KGF = keratinocyte growth factor; and HB-EGF = heparin binding epidermal growth factor.

Chronic Wound



Dorsal surface

Plantar surface

Chronic Wound



Factors contributing to impaired wound healing

A. Local factors	B. Systemic factors
<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Arterial insufficiency❖ Venous insufficiency❖ Edema❖ Infection❖ Pressure❖ Radiation❖ Foreign material❖ Necrotic tissue	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ DM❖ Malnutrition❖ Vitamin deficiency❖ Chemotherapy❖ Smoking❖ Aging❖ Steroids

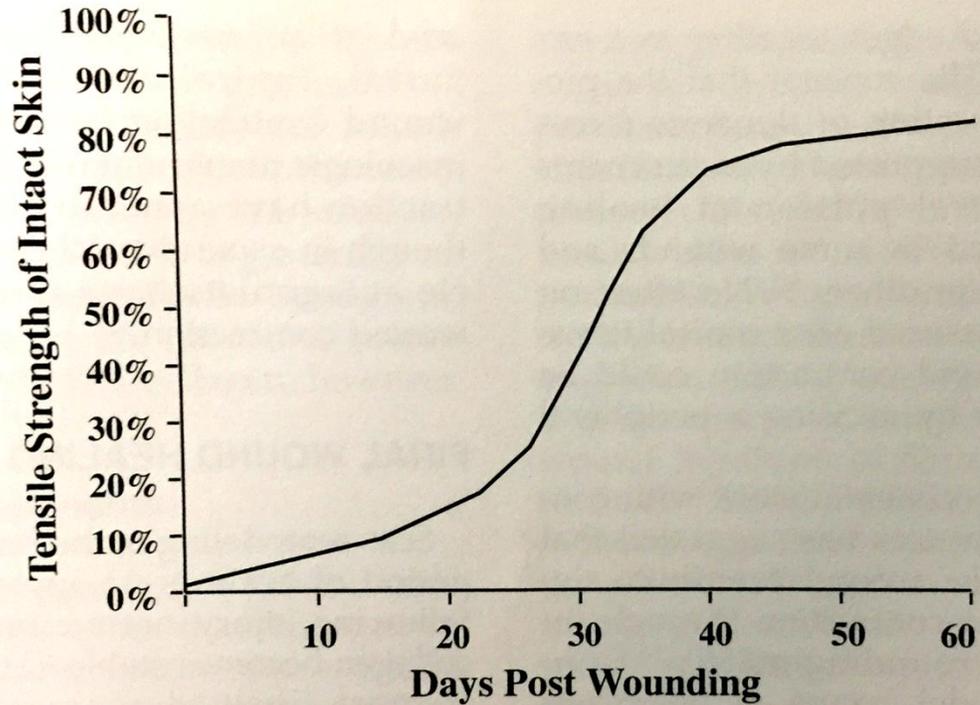


Figure 3. Tensile strength of the healing wound.

Table 1. THE ESTIMATED PREVALENCE AND HEALTH CARE COSTS OF CHRONIC WOUNDS.

Wound Type	Total Prevalence	Estimated Annual Cost
Pressure Ulcer ¹	0.04–0.08%	\$1.3 billion
Venous Ulcer ²	1–2%	\$1 billion
Diabetic Ulcer ³	Total 0.15–0.3% (Diabetics 5–10%)	\$1 billion

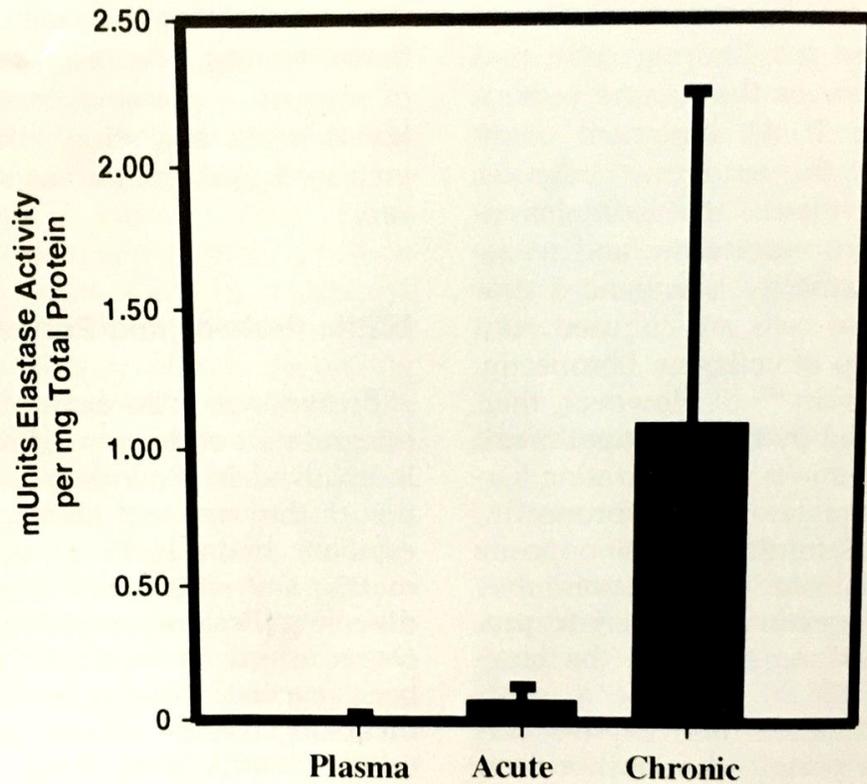


Figure 2. Levels of elastase activity are significantly higher in chronic wound fluid compared with acute wound fluid. Elastase activity was determined by a colorimetric assay using methoxysuccinyl-ala-ala-proval-p-nitroanilide substrate. (From Yager DR, Chen SM, Ward BS, et al: Ability of chronic wound fluid to degrade peptide growth factors is associated with increased levels of elastase activity and diminished levels of proteinase inhibitors. *Wound Repair and Regeneration* 5:23, 1997; with permission.)

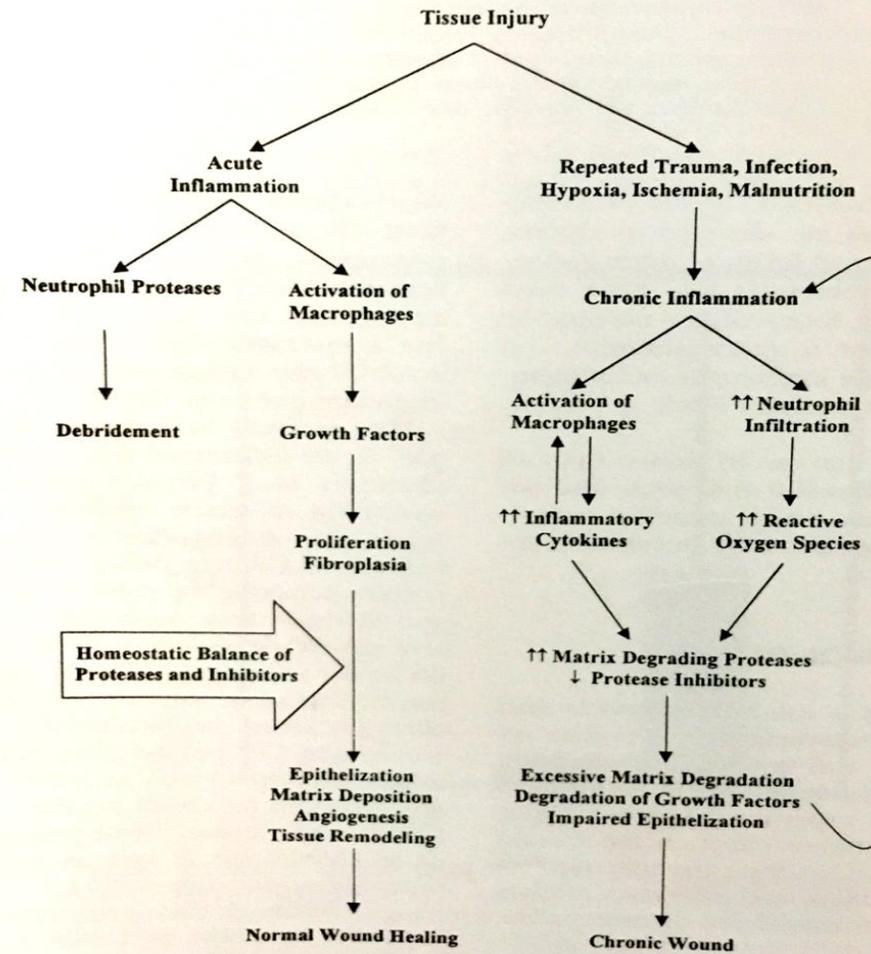


Figure 4. The final common pathway in the pathophysiology of chronic wounds.

Excessive Wound Healing

1. Keloids
2. Hypertrophic scars

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Pressure Ulcers

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