

A Guide to Why Wounds Do Not Heal



Pressure

Impairs circulation (blood flow) to an area

Dry environment

Dehydrated cells shrink and die causing scar tissue & itching

Edema

Edema interferes with circulation to the wound

Infection

An infection usually delays wound healing; can cause more exudates

Necrosis

Dead tissue cannot be healed and it impairs new tissue formation

Incontinence

Urine and fecal matter can irritate skin's pH

Anemia

Impairs oxygenation to the wound bed

Nutrition

A wound needs nutrients and fluid to heal

Vascular Insufficiencies

A wound needs circulation to heal

