**FLOWCHART FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF HYPERGRANULATION**

**RELATED TO WOUND HEALING**

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**ASSESS FOR MALIGNANCY**

If suspected malignancy, refer **URGENTLY** for specialist advice – e.g. Dermatology, Plastics

**RELATED TO PEG SITE**

Ensure fixation plate is 2-3mm from skin surface

**IF UNHEALTHY GRANULATION**

(dark red/purplish, extremely friable tissue that is proud of wound)

Cleanse with Prontosan solution and apply soak for 10 minutes.

**ASSESS FOR SIGNS/SYMPTOMS OF INFECTION**

If infection suspected treat with Topical Antimicrobial Agents (as per Wound Management Formulary) +/- systemic antibiotics if necessary. Clinical signs of infection may include: heat pain erythema, swelling. If any of the above symptoms, take a wound swab for MC&S (see also Best Practice Statement – the use of topical antimicrobial agents in wound management) [BEST PRACTICE STATEMENT](http://staffnet.fv.scot.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/Use-of-topical-antiseptic-antimicrobial-agents-in-wound-management.pdf)

Cover with secondary dressing.

If no improvement continue treatment and review at 2 weeks.

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Apply ACTISORB SILVER 220 to the area following cleansing.

Cover with secondary dressing.

Change daily and review after 2 weeks.

**MANAGE EXUDATE AND PROTECT**

**DO NOT** treat as hypergranulation

**NO IMPROVEMENT**

Re-assess and Review

Seek advice/refer to Tissue Viability Service

**HYPERGRANULATION MANAGED**

No further treatment required

**IF HEALTHY HYPERGRANULATION TISSUE REMAINS**

(moist pink/red soft smooth tissue that is proud of wound)

Cleanse with Prontosan Solution and apply soak for 10 minutes.

Apply FLUDROXYCORTIDE TAPE(**1)** as per manufacturer guidelines. If this is not available use the cream/ointment sparingly on a reducing regime as follows: Daily for 7 days, then alternate days for 7 days, then twice a week, then stop.

Occlude with Atrauman/Tricotex and cover with taut secondary dressing.

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