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The [Australian health system](#) is responsible for treatment of wounds, including wound management supports that relate to your disability. For example, if you have surgery and need assistance to manage your acute wound, hospital staff are responsible for treating this.

Government and community services must make sure all Australians, including people with disability, have access to their supports. We call these supports mainstream and community supports. The NDIS was set up to work alongside government and community services, not replace them.

Learn more about [mainstream and community supports](#).

## What help can you get through Medicare?

If your wound or pressure injury needs treatment by a doctor or surgeon, Medicare funds this.

The Australian health system provides some supports for people with wound and pressure care needs, particularly acute needs such as new or infected wounds.

Learn more about [Medicare](#) .

## What can you get through the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme?

If you have a wound or pressure injury and need medication or dressings, you should see your doctor. They'll prescribe what you need. Most medications and some dressings are funded through the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS).

Learn more about the [Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme \(PBS\)](#) .

## What can you get through the National Epidermolysis Bullosa Dressing Scheme?

If you have epidermolysis bullosa you'll need specialised dressings and bandages to manage the disease, reduce skin damage and the risk of infection.

You may be eligible to get most wound care items, like dressings and bandages through the National Epidermolysis Bullosa Dressing Scheme.

You can continue to access the National Epidermolysis Bullosa Dressing Scheme, even if you're a NDIS participant.

To learn more or apply, go to the [National Epidermolysis Bullosa Dressing Scheme](#) .