

Method of Measuring a Wound

1. Measure the greatest **length** of the wound
 - a. Length is measured from head to toe
2. Measure the greatest **width** of the wound
 - a. Width is the greatest width measured from side to side
3. Measure the greatest wound **depth**
 - a. insert a cotton-tipped applicator into the greatest depth and mark the applicator with a skin marker - then measure this depth on a measuring tape
4. Measuring **tunneling**
 - a. channel that extends through the wound base to deeper tissue levels
5. Measuring **undermining**
 - a. Separation of the wound edges and wound base
 - b. Documented using the face of a clock as a model
 - i. 12 o'clock - points to patient's head
 - ii. 6 o'clock - points to the patient's feet

