Appendix P:
Debridement Decision-Making Algorithm

INFECTED WOUND
- YES: SURGICAL/SHARP & MECHANICAL
- NO: AUTOLYTIC

TIME TO ACCOMPLISH DEBRIDEMENT
- FAST: SURGICAL/SHARP
- SLOW: AUTOLYTIC

SIZE OF WOUND
- LARGE: SURGICAL/SHARP
- SMALL: AUTOLYTIC

TYPE OF EXUDATE
- THICK: SURGICAL/SHARP & MECHANICAL
- THIN: AUTOLYTIC

AMOUNT OF DEBRIS
- LARGE: SURGICAL/SHARP & MECHANICAL
- SMALL: AUTOLYTIC

TYPE OF DEBRIS
- DEMARCATED: SURGICAL/SHARP
- NOT DIFFERENTIATED: AUTOLYTIC

POTENTIAL PROBLEM TRAUMA TO WOUND BED
- YES: SURGICAL/SHARP & MECHANICAL
- NO: AUTOLYTIC