

## Appendix U: Key Factors in Deciding the Method of Debridement

	Surgical	Enzymatic	Autolytic	Biologic	Mechanical
Speed	1	3	5	2	4
Tissue selectivity	3	1	4	2	5
Painful wound	5	2	1	3	4
Exudate	1	4	3	5	2
Infection	1	4	5	2	3
Cost	5	2	1	3	4

Where 1 is most desirable and 5 is least desirable

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