

# INFECTION AFTER TRAUMA WOUNDS

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The armamentarium of a septic surgeon consists mainly of the administration of antibiotics, wound debridement, hardware removal, and application of antiseptics. In chronic osteomyelitis the removal of infected bone is believed to be mandatory. Recently the so-called Instillation technique (VAC Ultra, Veraflow) appeared on the septic scene as a promising new tool. It represents a novel drug release system for the controlled application of fluids, like antibiotics or antiseptics to infected wounds. Thus it looks like the need for hardware removal in acute infections following internal fixation and joint replacement can be avoided. As there is a synergistic mode of action between Instillation technique and a new concept of skin stretching aiming at rapidly getting rid of tissue edema caused by infection or trauma both techniques will be presented as promising methods in infection management.