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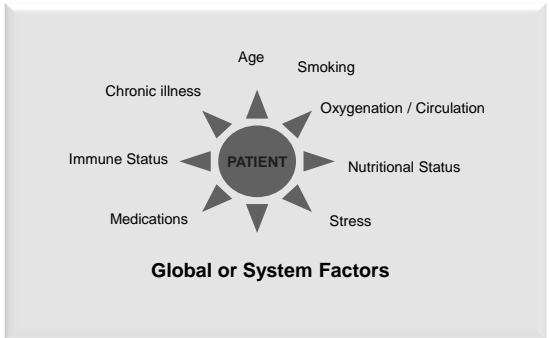
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### Outline & Overview

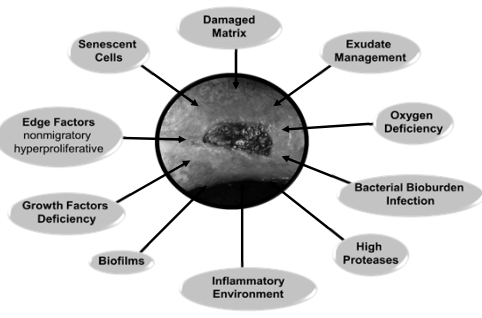
- Basic Statistics and Demographics
- Wound Healing Pathophysiology
- Introduction to Inflammation
  - MMPs, Elastases, Proteases
- The Role of the Extracellular Matrix
- Collagen Oxidized Regenerated Cellulose
- Clinical Correlation

### Patient Factors Which Impede Healing



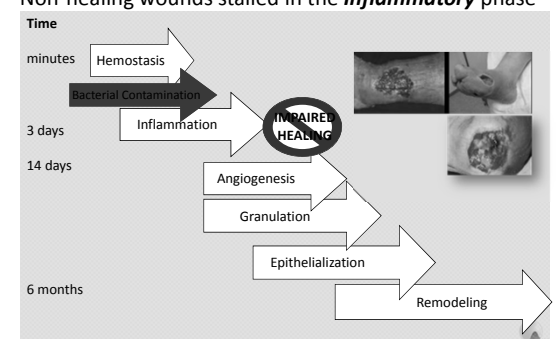
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### Wound Factors Which Impede Healing



### The Wound Healing Continuum

Non-healing wounds stalled in the *Inflammatory* phase



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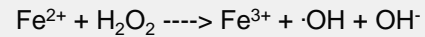
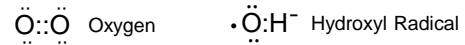
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### Wound Inflammation Oxidative Stress

Introduction to Free Radical Theory  
MMPs, Elastases & Proteases

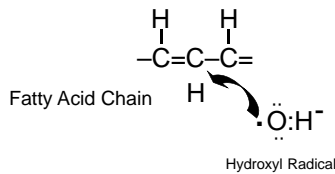
### Oxygen Free Radical

- A free radical is any atom (e.g. oxygen, nitrogen) with at least one unpaired electron in the outermost shell, and is capable of independent existence.
- Free radicals are highly reactive due to the presence of an unpaired electron
- Oxygen Free Radical = Reactive Oxygen Species



### ROS Pathophysiology

- Once formed oxygen free radicals seek out electrons to form a stable molecule



### ROS Effects & Damage

- **Oxygen Free Radical ATTACK on molecules results in Oxidation Reactions**
  - Lipids (LIPID PEROXIDATION)
  - Amino acids in proteins
  - Enzymes by oxidation of co-factors

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### Oxidative Stress

- **Excessive ROS**
  - Deficient termination reactions
  - Lack of endogenous scavengers / antioxidants
  - Production exceeds reduction reactions



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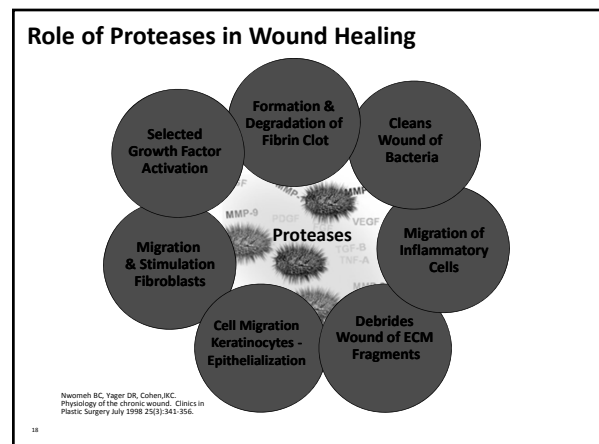
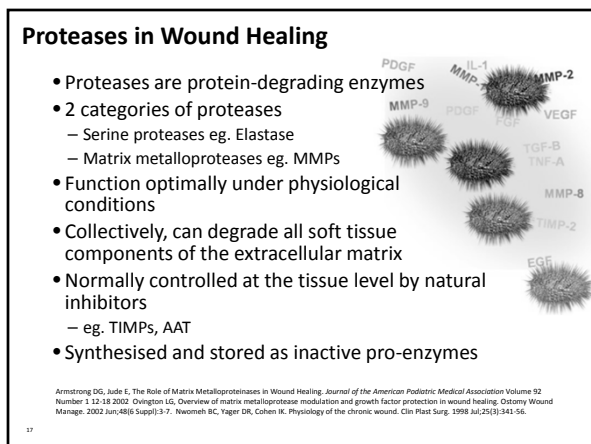
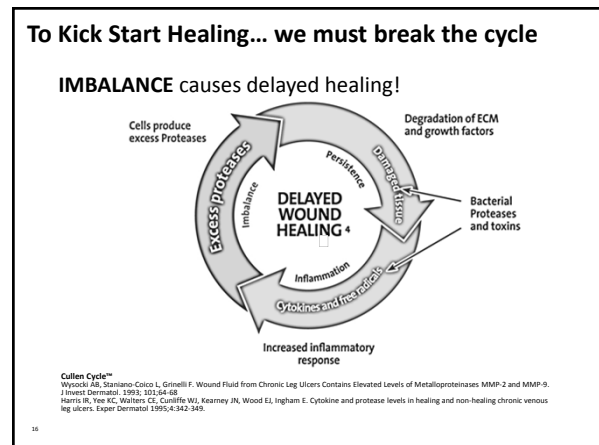
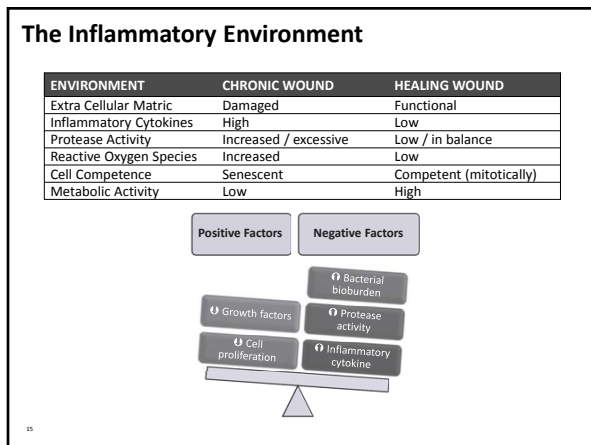
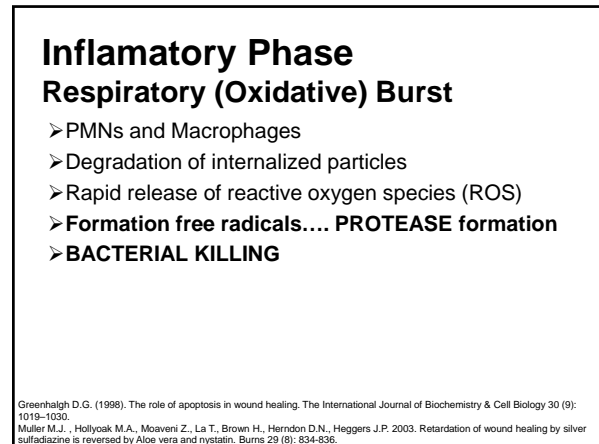
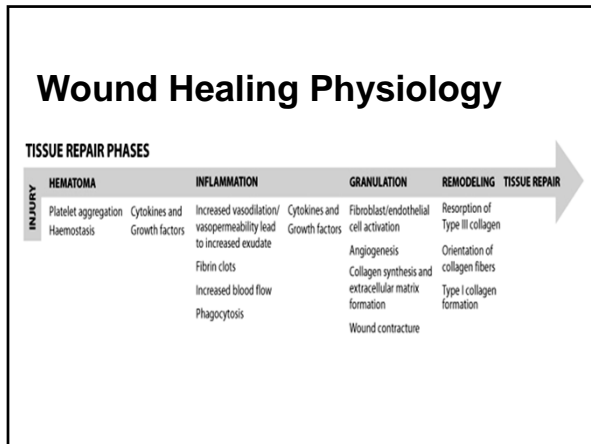
### Oxidative Stress (Cellular)

- Cell Wall Disturbance (PUFAs)
- Enzyme Disruption
- DNA Damage
- Apoptosis (Cellular Death)
- Tissue Necrosis
- COMPROMISED WOUND HEALING

Lennon SV, Martin SJ, Cotter TG (1991). "Dose-dependent induction of apoptosis in human tumour cell lines by widely diverging stimuli". Cell Prolif. 24 (2): 203-14.

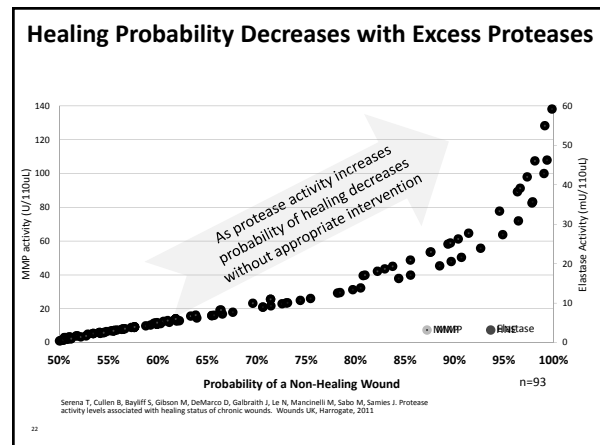
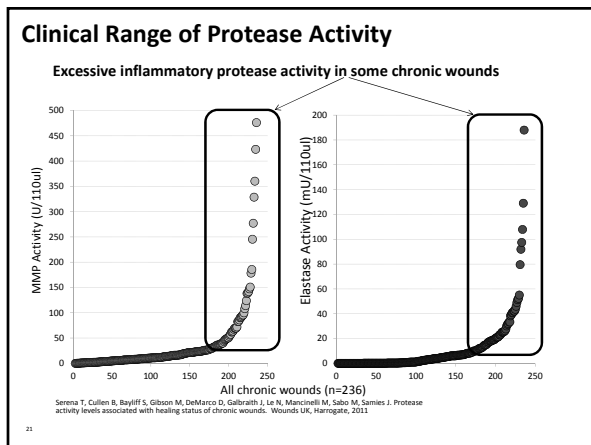
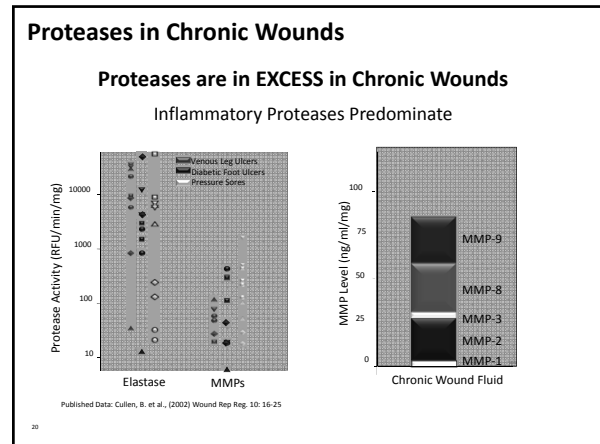
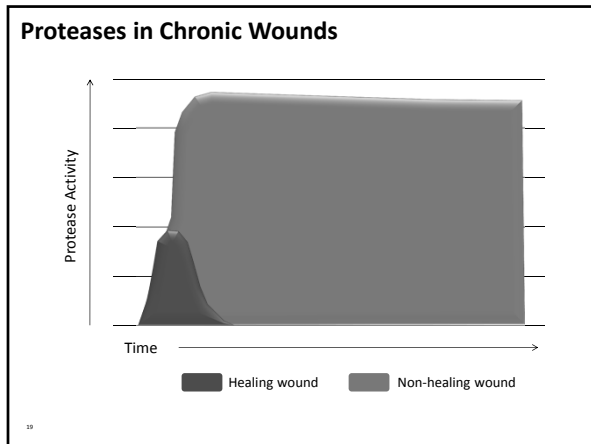
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### Collagen

- Collagen is a family of proteins
- There are > 20 known different collagen types
- Found in all groups of animals & highly conserved between species
- Is most abundant protein in animals
  - 1/3 of total protein = Collagen
- Traditionally, collagen is sourced from the major domestic breeds such as cow, pig, sheep, deer
  - jelly fish, fish and chicken feet collagens available

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### Collagen in Skin

- Collagen comprises more than 25% of total protein
- It is the major component of soft tissue including dermis (skin)
- Collagen is made up of 3 proteins wrapped around each other to form a triple helix (rope like structure)
  - Types I and III, are predominant in skin
  - Type I has 2 different protein chains
  - Type III has 3 copies of the same protein chain

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### Benefits of Collagen

- Collagen is a natural occurring material
- It is a component of tissue
- It is "recognized" by tissue cells
  - Enhances the deposition of new collagen fibres
  - Substrate for cellular adhesion and migration
- It is bioresorbable/biodegradable
  - Peptides & amino acids can be reused by cells
  - Collagen proteins & peptides stimulate cells
  - Chemotactic for neutrophils, macrophages, and fibroblasts
- Low inflammatory & antigenic response
- Hemostatic properties
- Can act as a sacrificial substrate for excessive MMPs

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### Oxidized Regenerated Cellulose (ORC)

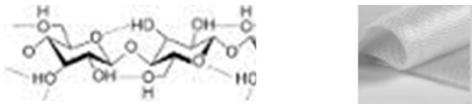
- Cellulose is the most abundant material on the surface of earth
- Cellulose is mainly obtained from wood pulp and cotton
- Chemical modification of cellulose – different properties
- Oxidation makes cellulose biodegradable - ORC
- Degrades in a predictable & consistent manner
- Degradation occurs by fluid absorption & subsequent gelling
- ORC degrades to sugars (glucose & glucuronic acid)
- Used in SURGICEL® as hemostat (Johnson & Johnson)
- Used in INTERCEED® as adhesion barrier (Johnson & Johnson)



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### Benefits of ORC

- ORC degrades to sugars (glucose & glucuronic acid)
  - with exposure to wound fluid
  - sugars provides source of energy or nutrients
- ORC lowers pH as it breaks down which helps control bacterial growth
- Studies in vitro have shown that ORC
  - Stimulates cell growth
  - Provides growth factor protection
- Inactivates proteases such as Elastase
- Hemostatic properties



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### Collagen/ORC – Published Data

- Published studies have shown that Collagen and ORC are biomaterials which help rebalance the chronic wound environment



Published In Vitro studies show:

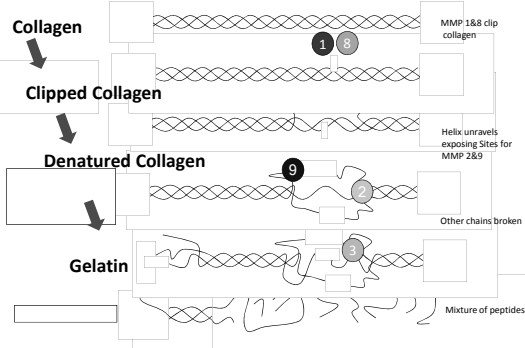
- Combination of Collagen, ORC (& Silver)
  - Binds and inactivates proteases
    - MMPs, Elastase, Bacterial proteases
  - Reduces bacterial bioburden
  - Increases cell growth
  - Protects growth factors

Published Clinical studies show:

- Improves clinical outcomes

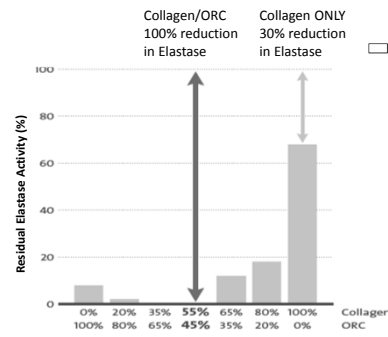
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### Collagen a Sacrificial Substrate for Multiple MMPs



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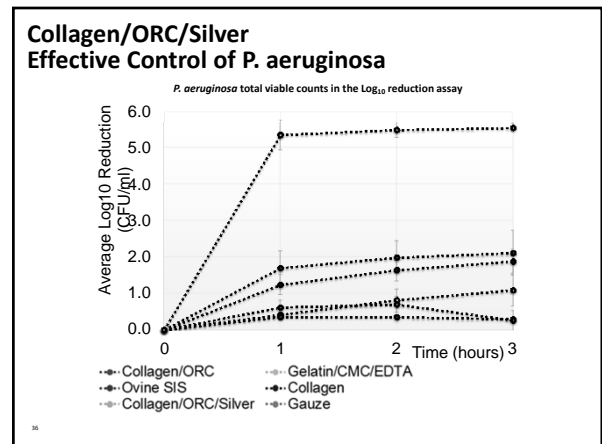
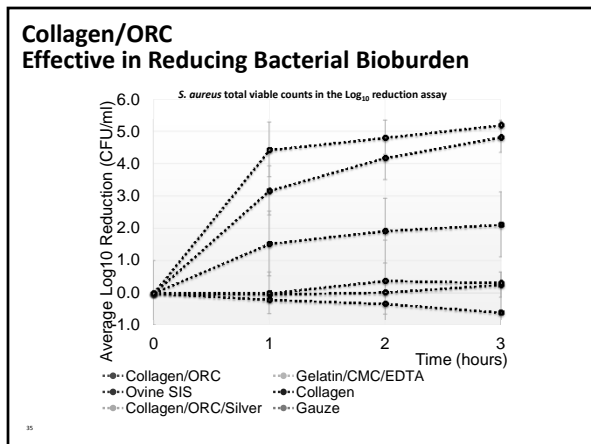
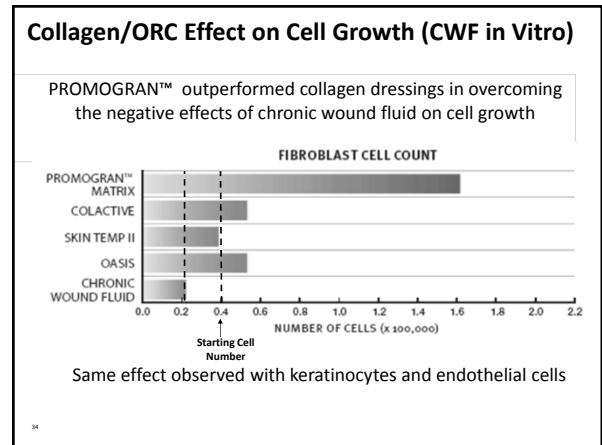
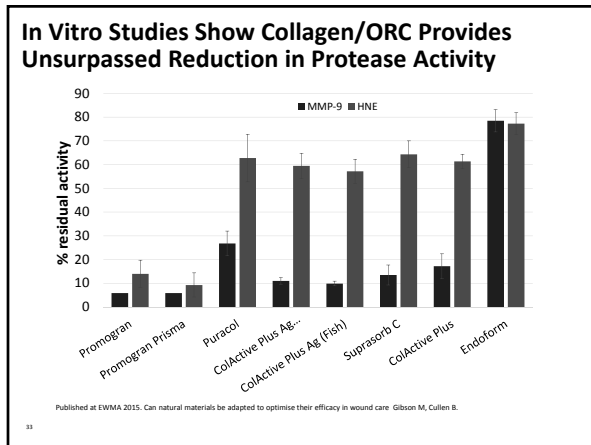
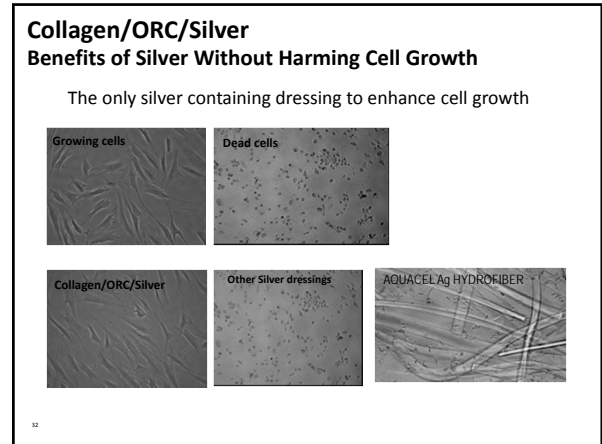
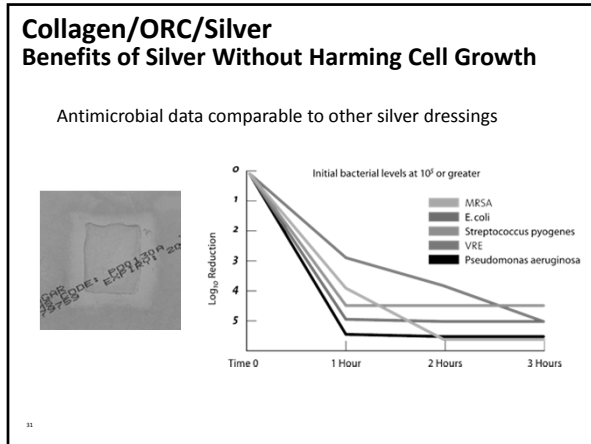
### ORC Reduces Elastase Activity



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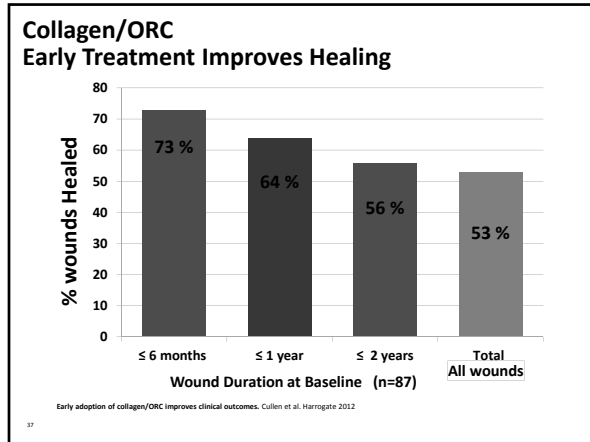
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## Clinical Correlation

### Technical Pearls and TIPS

- Early utilization especially with wound inflammation
- Mandatory attention to basic wound care
- Meticulous wound bed preparation
- Suitable transition from NPWT
- Appropriate for tunneling, undermining and depth
- Complimentary to HBOT

### CHALLENGES TO SUCCESS

- Clinician knowledge of wound physiology
- Understanding the science behind the technology
- Recognition of the "Inflammatory Wound"
- Discrimination between the "Infected Wound" and the "Inflammatory Wound"

### In Summary

- Collagen/ORC publications have shown
- Reduces protease activity in wounds
  - Clinically effective in treating chronic wound

- Collagen/ORC
- Provides an optimal environment which promotes wound healing
  - Early adoption significantly improves outcomes

- Collagen/ORC/ Silver
- Delivers the benefits of silver and protects against infection

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Thank You...