

POINTERS FOR EXAMPLE 5

The place of photography in teaching



This document is intended for the educator to supplement the video clip as an example of OPTEACHING.

The below are some pointers on how to make the most of Learning Opportunities presented by this example.

Questions to guide the learners' thinking

Photograph 1.

The first photograph shows a pressure ulcer on the ankle of an older woman. The image could be used in various ways in an OPTEACH education session, depending on the learning outcomes, student/learner group, and curriculum/learning priorities. Some aspects have more of a clinical focus, while others are more social and contextual. For example, the students/learners could discuss such issues/questions as:

- What might be the social, financial, spiritual and physical implications of having a leg ulcer?
- Which factors that may have directly contributed to the development of the ulcer?
- What can be inferred from the condition of the surrounding skin?
- What underlying conditions could have made this older lady vulnerable to an ulcer?
- What assessments are needed to determine the cause of the ulcer?
- What type of dressing should be used? Is additional information required in order to make a decision about appropriate dressings?
- Other than the dressing on the wound, what other strategies need to be implemented to ensure the wound heals and the older woman regains her quality of life?

Photograph 2.

The second photograph shows an older man and a young boy standing next to an Army tank on display. Once again, how the photograph is used will depend on the group and the intended focus of the session. Discussion and learning opportunities could focus on:

- The theories of ageing; which may be relevant here – e.g. activity theory, disengagement theory, continuity theory, role theory and Bronfenbrenner's theory.
- The importance of relationships to physical and emotional health, and the impact of relationships being disrupted or lost through war, family violence, divorce or relocation.
- The place of rituals, traditions, and shared stories in healthy ageing.
- How individuals and families adjust to physical changes such as reduced mobility.