

# TREATMENT MANAGEMENT OF COMMON CONDITIONS

## Post Procedure Conditions

Most post procedure patients require a single treatment immediately after the procedure. Examples are patients undergoing elective surgeries, minor dental procedures, and closure of minor wounds. Post procedure patients in which there has been more extensive tissue disruption should receive additional treatments (2-6) every other day. Examples are orthopedic, laparotomy, or thoracotomy patients.

## Acute Conditions

Acute conditions are treated a single, or multiple times, until resolution of the condition. Examples of single treatment acute conditions are pyotraumatic dermatitis, mild presentation of acute otitis, and abscesses without surrounding cellulitis. Examples of conditions requiring additional (2-4) every other day treatments are more involved presentations of acute otitis and abscesses with surrounding cellulitis.

## Chronic Conditions

Chronic conditions require multiple treatments to achieve clinical improvement, followed by maintenance treatments to maintain the effect. Examples are osteoarthritis, lick granulomas, and chronic lower urinary tract diseases. Successful treatment design for chronic conditions follows accurate diagnosis and assessment of chronicity. Practitioners must avoid having a “one-size-fits-all” treatment design for chronic condition patients.

