

# BACKGROUND

The Aged Care Rapid Response Team (ARRT) was overwhelmed with referrals for residents for chronic wound advice and management, and received fewer referrals for acutely unwell deteriorating residents at risk of hospitalisation.

50% of residents in Residential Aged Care Facilities (RACF) have one or more wounds (Edwards et al. 2015).

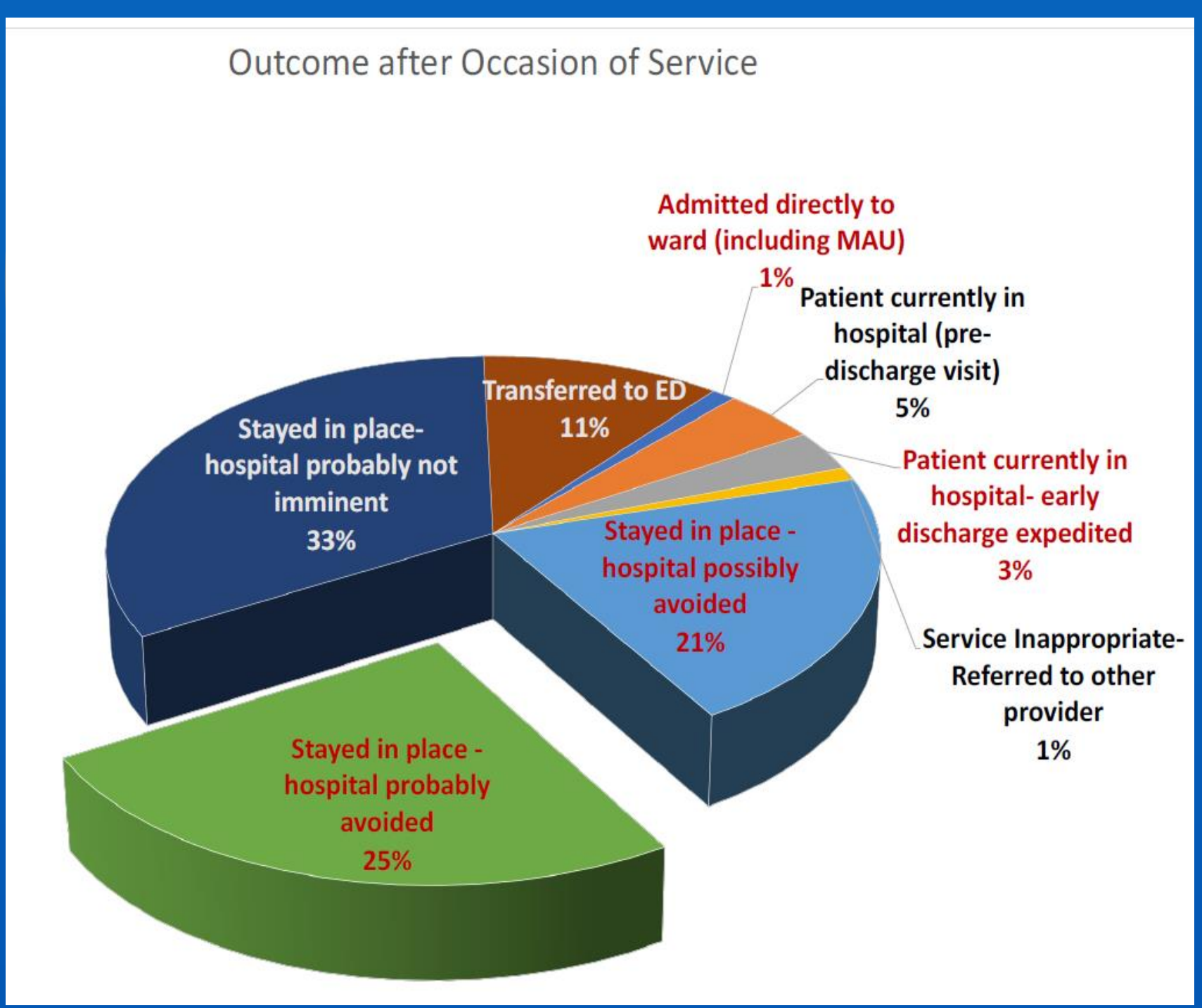
The older person has complex wound care needs often requiring transfer to hospital for intervention.

The Community Home Nurses do not provide wound care in RACF's and there is no alternative service available.

*"The nurse was able to come to mum's nursing home, whilst there, she was able to treat my mother, and give advice to the nursing staff who attend her on a daily basis. My mum has now healed and we have a protocol in place to prevent the wound recurring. We are very grateful for the care provided by this service"*

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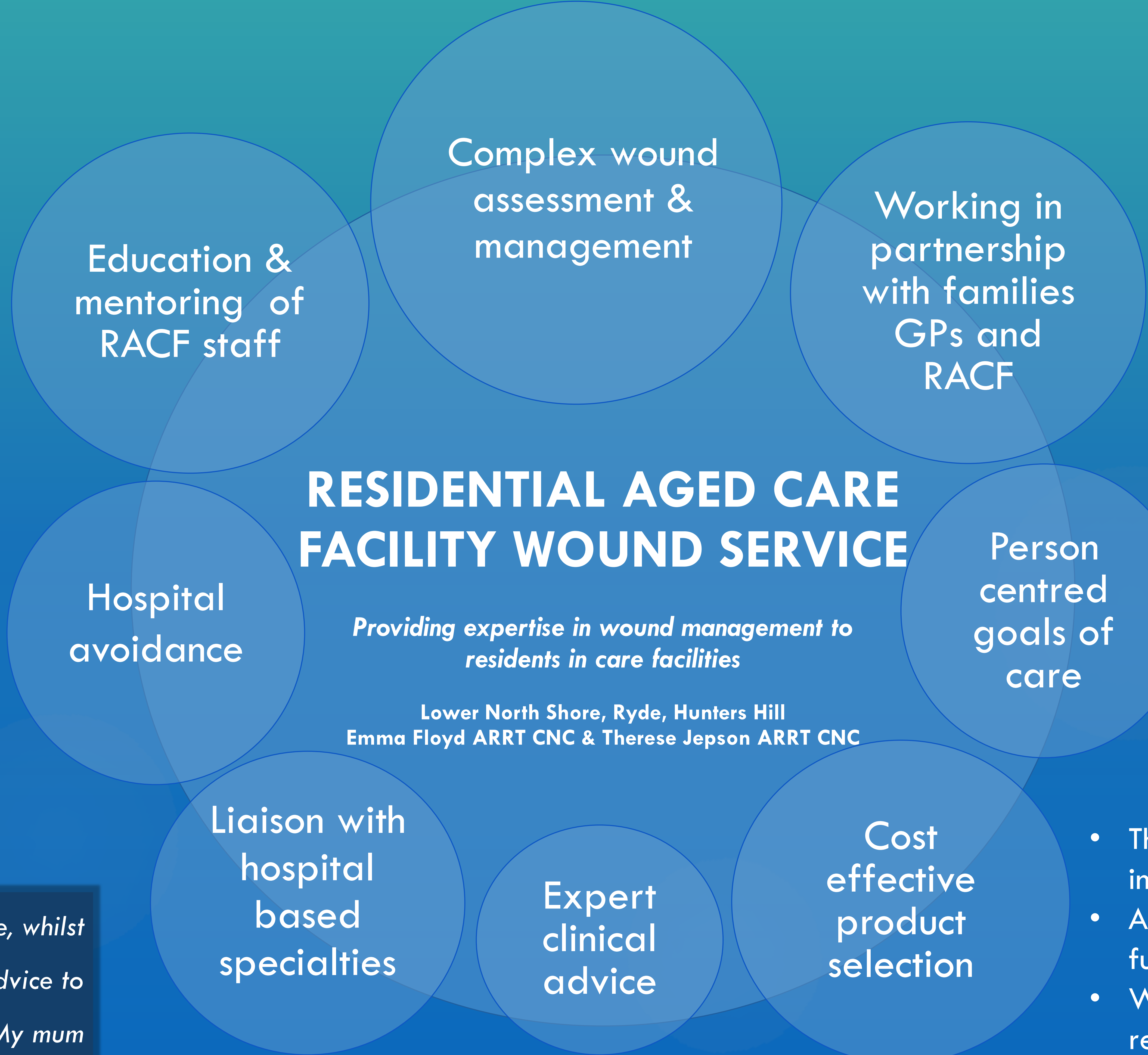
Service Type	Count
On-site visit	103
Phone call	55
Email	33
In-hospital visit	1
Other	2
Grand Total	194



# RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE FACILITY WOUND SERVICE

Providing expertise in wound management to residents in care facilities

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# RACF WOUND SERVICE

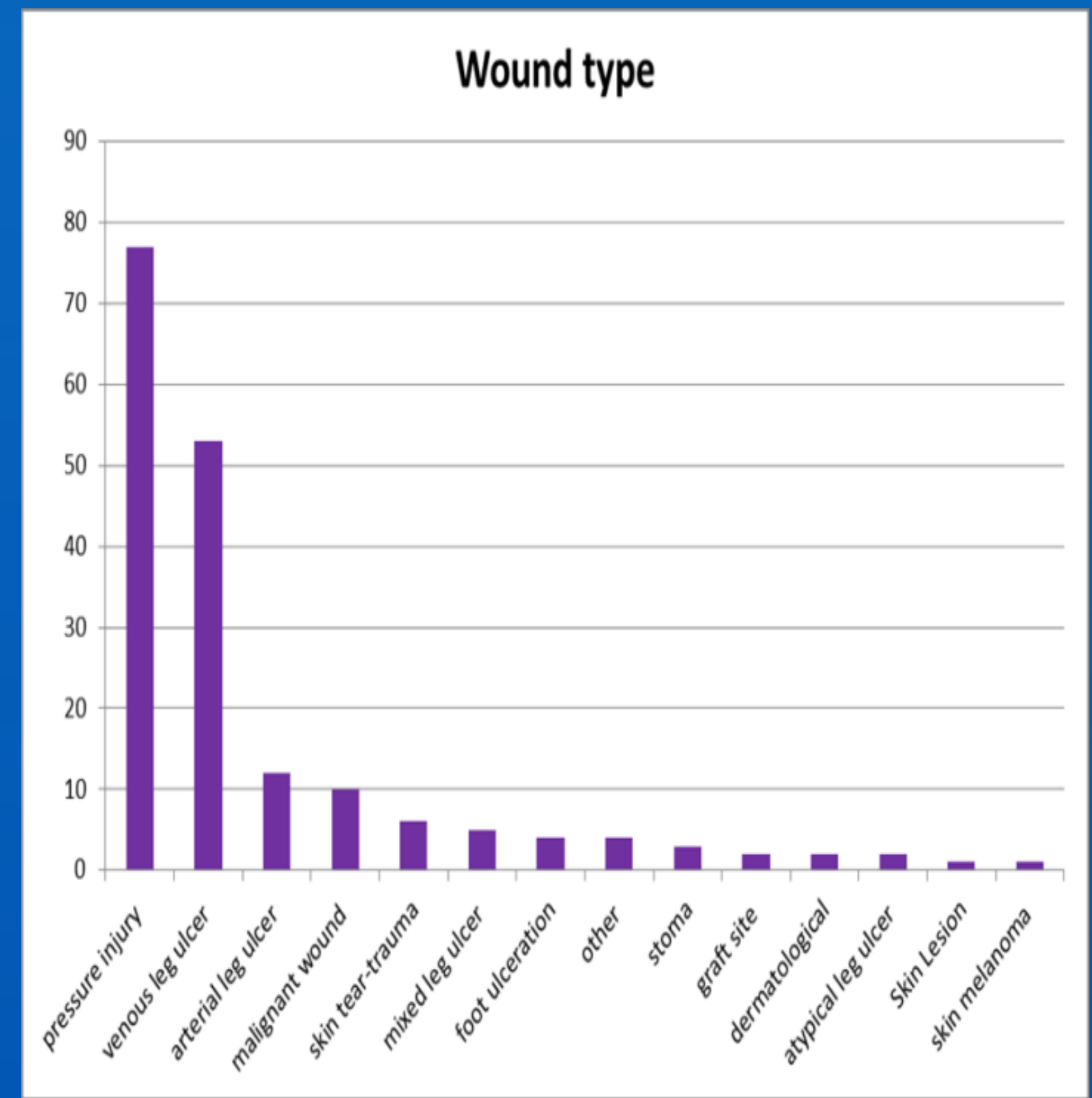
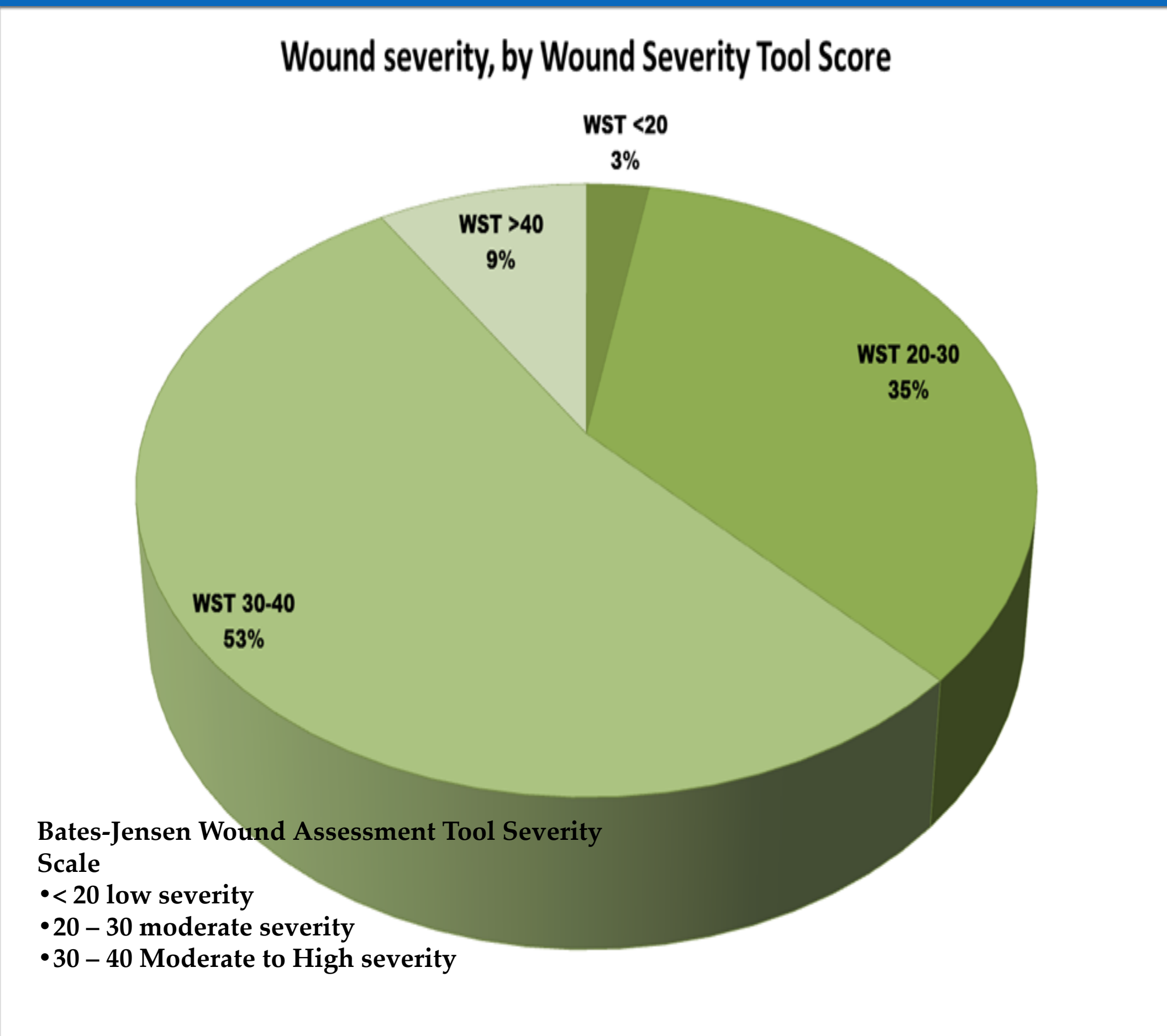
A Ministry of Health Winter Strategy Funding to develop a temporary 12 week RACF Wound Service from July – Oct 2018, to increase ARRT's capacity to reduce avoidable hospital presentations, while still providing wound management services to RACF residents.

It was a collaborative project between the ARRT and Northern Sydney Home Nursing Service (NSHNS).

Two Clinical Nurse Specialists were seconded to form a new temporary wound outreach team to RACFs.

# OUTCOMES

- The top 10 reasons for referral to ARRT no longer include chronic wound care
- ARRT referrals are now primarily for infections , functional/cognitive decline and delirium
- We received positive feedback from the RACFs regarding ARRT and the wound service
- RACF staff reported increased skill and confidence in wound care
- Implementation of evidence based practice
- Improved resident comfort



Education type provided	Number of episodes
Bedside teaching	97
Resident or Family education	10
Group education	5
Resources provided	19
Grand Total	131