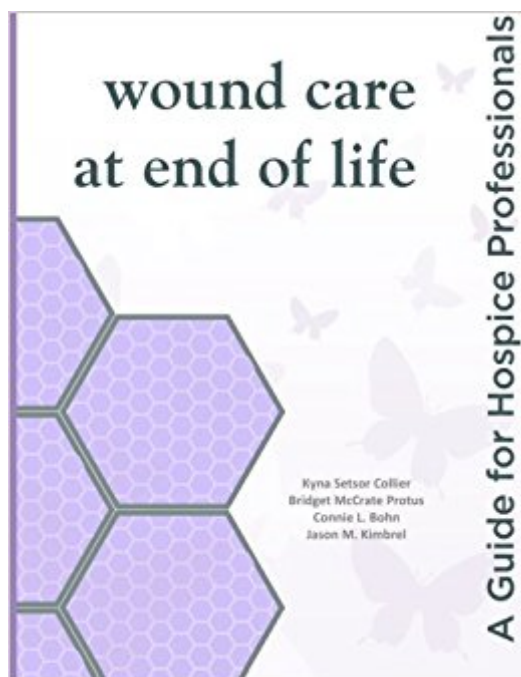


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Excellent resource. Very few books on wound care at end of life. Highly recommend.

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