POLICY:

Use of enzymatic débriding agents. Chemical débridement of necrotic tissue and separation of non-viable tissue from viable tissue. Frequently used agents: Elase, Santyl, Travase.

PROCEDURE:

- Apply agent daily with dressing changes.
- Clean the wound.
- If there is infection present, use an antibiotic in the wound prior to using the agent.
- Cross hatching the thick eschar with a blade will allow the agent to have more surface contact with the eschar.
- Place the agent directly on the lesion. Remove all excess agent.
  - Contraindications:
    - Patients with local or systemic hypersensitivity to collagenase.
    - Clean granulation bed