WOUND THERAPY WITH ‘WEE BEASTIES’
(larval therapy)

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Maggots: an ancient remedy
“Leave them, they will clean it wait and see”
(Gladiator, Dreamworks SKG, 2000)
Lucilia sericata
(green bottle fly)
Core effects

- Debridement
- Disinfection
- Enhanced healing

Warning! Rest of slides contain “Yuck” factor, real maggots at work
Case 1

Signed patient consent was obtained for the use of case histories and photographs in this presentation.
Next slide is a bit yuck
Healed
six months, foot still present
Case 2
(Almost) Healed @ four months
Case 3
If history has taught us anything,

- It is that the ancient remedy of maggot therapy still has an active role in modern medicine.
- Roman proverb
  “Medicus curat, natura sanat”
  The physician treats, nature does the healing.
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