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Articles

Advances in wound care management

Bob Brown provides an insight into advances in wound care management and discusses some of the innovation that is helping to drive improvement

Clinical Services Journal 2021 20 (7) pp 49-52

Pathway with single-dose long-acting intravenous antibiotic reduces emergency department hospitalizations of patients with skin infections

Emergency department (ED) patients with serious skin and soft tissue infections (SSTIs) are often hospitalized to receive intravenous (IV) antibiotics. Appropriate patients may avoid admission following a single-dose, long-acting IV antibiotic

Academic Emergency Medicine 2021 28(10) pp 1108-1117.

Best Practice and Guidelines

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Silicone gel sheeting for treating hypertrophic scars

Each year, in high-income countries alone, approximately 100 million people develop scars. Excessive scarring can cause pruritus, pain, contractures, and cosmetic disfigurement, and can dramatically affect people's quality of life, both physically and psychologically

Available from: [Silicone gel sheeting for treating hypertrophic scars - Jiang, Q - 2021 |](#)

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Abdominal drainage to prevent intra-peritoneal abscess after appendectomy for complicated appendicitis

Appendectomy, the surgical removal of the appendix, is performed primarily for acute appendicitis. Patients who undergo appendectomy for complicated appendicitis, defined as gangrenous or perforated appendicitis, are more likely to suffer postoperative complications.

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<https://www.cochranelibrary.com/cdsr/doi/10.1002/14651858.CD010168.pub4/epdf/full>

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Preoperative hair removal to reduce surgical site infection

Hair has traditionally been removed from the surgical site before surgery; however, some studies claim that this increases surgical site infections (SSIs) and should be avoided. This is the second update of a review published in 2006 and first updated in 2011.

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NHS Specialist Pharmacy Service 2021

Using potassium permanganate for skin conditions or wound care

Potassium permanganate is used as a topical preparation for the care of wound or skin conditions in the community and hospital setting. Potassium permanganate is classed as 'an oxidising agent' which is thought to confer bactericidal properties.

Available from: [Using potassium permanganate for skin conditions or wound care – SPS - Specialist Pharmacy Service – The first stop for professional medicines advice](#)

Centre for Perioperative Care & British Geriatrics Society 2021

Guideline for the Perioperative Care for People Living with Frailty Undergoing Elective and Emergency Surgery

The Centre for Perioperative Care (CPOC) is a cross organisational body, aiming to facilitate and promote delivery of quality perioperative care; the practice of patient-centred, multidisciplinary and integrated care of patients from the moment of contemplation of surgery until recovery

Available from: [CPOC-BGS-Frailty-Guideline-2021.pdf](#)

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Treatment for telangiectasias and reticular veins

Telangiectasias (spider veins) and reticular veins on the lower limbs are very common, increase with age, and have been found in 41% of women. The cause is unknown and the patients may be asymptomatic or can report pain, burning or itching. Treatments include sclerotherapy, laser, intense pulsed light, microphlebectomy and thermoablation, but none is established as preferable

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