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Implementation of a midline catheter service in a regional setting

Midline catheters have been reported to be an effective and safe means of providing patients with intravenous access within the hospital and community setting. With minimal experience in the introduction of a midline service across the local health network, a regional hospital pursued this task.

British Journal of Nursing 2023 32 (7) S38-S42

Self-supporting wound care mobile applications for nurses: A scoping review protocol

Wounds are a public health issue having serious implications for individuals and the health care system [1–3]. They can manifest as ulcers, burns, skin tears, cancer or bed sores, and can affect patients of all ages in all health care settings [1,4]. From a global perspective, the prevalence of chronic wounds was reported at 2.21 per 1000 population in 2019 [5].

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Use of PURPOSE-T in practice: an evidence-based pressure ulcer risk assessment tool

This article is based on a Made Easy workshop held at the Wounds UK annual conference in Harrogate, UK, on 7th November 2022. The workshop and this report were sponsored by Direct Healthcare Group. The focus of the workshop was on the PURPOSE-T risk assessment tool, how it fits with local protocols and can be used in certain specialist areas, and determination of risk factors to identify appropriate equipment.

Wounds UK 2023 19 (1) 75-80



Best Practice and Guidelines

UK Health Security Agency 2023

Rare and Imported Pathogens Laboratory (RIPL) Specimen referral guidelines and service user manual

RIPL provides a clinical diagnostic service for rare and/or imported pathogens such as pathogenic arboviruses, haemorrhagic fever viruses and a number of Hazard Group 3 bacterial pathogens including rickettsiae, Coxiella burnetii and Bacillus anthracis.

Available from: [Rare and Imported Pathogens Laboratory \(RIPL\): Specimen referral guidelines and service user manual \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

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UrgoStart for treating diabetic foot ulcers and leg ulcers

UrgoStart is a range of dressings which can improve wound healing for diabetic foot ulcers and improve the rate of wound healing for venous leg ulcers. Cost modelling shows that UrgoStart is cost saving compared with standard care dressings in these groups.

Available from: [UrgoStart for treating diabetic foot ulcers and leg ulcers \(nice.org.uk\)](https://www.nice.org.uk)

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