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Articles

Undertaking a structured assessment of a hard-to-heal wound

A thorough, holistic wound assessment is essential to identify the aetiology of a hard-to-heal wound and formulate a diagnosis, which will underpin the treatment plan

Nursing Standard 2024 39 (10) 33-38

Research article: Addressing the burden of vascular-related wounds

The burden of wounds is difficult to estimate, but data from 2019 indicated that in the United States, chronic wounds affected 10.5 million Medicare beneficiaries and impacted the quality of life of 2.5 % of the total population.

Journal of Vascular Surgery 2024 42 216-217

The use of PICO™ single-use negative pressure wound therapy in the community settings

The prevalence and incidence of wounds is predicted to rise due to an ageing population, that is also likely to have an increasing number of comorbidities (Dowsett et al, 2017).

British Journal of Community Nursing 2024 29 (Suppl 9) S8–S26

Pressure ulcers: a clinical audit to determine compliance against the aSKING framework in an adult community nursing setting

Assessment of pressure ulcer (PU) risk remains a challenge in clinical practice. The first part of this article (Martin and Holloway, 2024) discussed the evidence base underpinning the development of clinical guidelines for PUs alongside the creation of the bundle approach regarding PU prevention. This article, part two, presents the results of a clinical audit that explores compliance against a PU prevention bundle (the aSKING framework) in an adult community nursing setting in the south east of England

British Journal of Community Nursing 2024 29 (Suppl 9) S28–S34



Fear of malignant fungating wounds

The poor prognosis and clinical presentation of malignant fungating wounds (MFWs) can lead to service users experiencing various dimensions of fear. Aim: This article encourages district nurses (DNs) to explore the psychological factors associated with MFWs in the community setting

British Journal of Community Nursing 2024 29 (Suppl 9) S36 -S41

Vascular eczema and link with intestinal disease

Mr J worked as a long-distance driver and warehouse manager. He was diagnosed with Crohn's disease after retirement and developed dermatitis of the lower limbs as a consequence. Dermatitis and venous disease led to the appearance of leg ulcers.

British Journal of Community Nursing 2024 29 (Suppl 9) S48 -S49

Best Practice and Guidelines

Royal College of Pathologists 2024

Autopsy when drugs or poisoning may be involved

The autopsy guidelines published by the Royal College of Pathologists (RCPATH) are guidelines which enable pathologists to deal with non-forensic consent and coroner's and procurator fiscal's post-mortems in a consistent manner and to a high standard.

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Wounds UK 2024

Practical issues in applying compression garments and wraps for management of lymphoedema

Lymphoedema is a chronic disorder of the lymphatic system, with an estimated prevalence of up to 250 million people affected worldwide (Hill et al, 2023). Despite this significant prevalence, there has been a historical delay in providing timely treatment and effective patient education

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Wounds UK 2024

Improving offloading for the foot in diabetes: use of total contact casting in practice

There are approximately 18.6 million people across the globe that are affected by a diabetic foot ulcer (DFU) every year (Armstrong et al, 2023), underlining the significant burden placed on healthcare systems. The scale of the problem in the UK is amplified by the growing number of people with diabetes in the population (Diabetes UK, 2023)

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Wounds UK 2024

Malignant wounds: Management in practice

A malignant wound is a devastating complication associated with cancer. Malignant wounds can be extremely challenging – and distressing – for patients, family members and clinicians. They are unique wounds to manage, which can be very different from any other wound type

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Cochrane Library 2024

Early versus delayed oral feeding after major gynaecologic surgery

This is an updated and expanded version of the original Cochrane review, first published in 2014. Postoperative oral intake is traditionally withheld after major abdominal gynaecologic surgery until the return of bowel function. The concern is that early oral intake will result in vomiting and severe paralytic ileus, with subsequent aspiration pneumonia, wound dehiscence, and anastomotic leakage.

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