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Tissue Viability Bulletin

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Gelatin/Ascorbic Acid scaffolds for controlled release of allantoin: a fully natural approach for skin tissue regeneration theough pro-regenerative, antimicrobial and keratinocyte-supportive-properties
Babic Radic M et al
Pharmaceutics 18 (3) 391
10.3390/pharmaceutics18030391

Variation in care persists
The article discusses the critical state of tissue viability and wound care as it approaches 2026, highlighting persistent variations in outcomes for conditions such as leg ulcers, pressure ulcers, and diabetic foot ulcers.
Stephen-Haynes, J
British Journal of Nursing 35 (3) S3
10.12968/bjon.2026.0040

Be there or be square: should we adopt non-rectangular dressing shapes in single-use negative pressure wound therapy?
Barzilay O et al
Journal of Tissue Viability 35 (1) 100977
10.1016/j.jtv.2025.100977

Chronic wound malodour as a hidden burden in community nursing practice
Palmer S
British Journal of Community Nursing 31 (Suppl 3) S12-S15

Tissue Viability Supplement – British Journal of Nursing 35 (15)
You can request all of these articles.

Evidence, innovation and equity: shaping the next decade
Jackie Stephen-Haynes
BJN 35 (15) S3
10.12968/bjon.2026.0324

Junior nurses' wound care knowledge and attitude towards wound care and training aspirations: a training needs analysis
Fania Pagnamenta et al
BJN 35 (15) S4-S10
10.12968/bjon.2025.0128

Non-pharmacological interventions for managing chronic pain in patients affected by venous leg ulcers
Francesco Carolla and Emma Mellors
BJN 35 (15) S12-S20
10.12968/bjon.2025.0464

Keeping people with dementia moving in hospital to reduce pressure ulcer risk: complexities in care
Megan Healy et al
BJN 35 (15) S22-S26
10.12968/bjon.2026.0070

Transforming inpatient leg ulcer management through early specialist tissue viability intervention
Pagnamenta F et al
International Wound Journal 23 (8) e71006
10.1111/iwj.71006

The impact of pressure ulcer prevention education on the knowledge, skills and attitudes of health care assistants working in long term care settings
O'Brien N et al
Journal of Tissue Viability 35 (3) 101020
10.1016/j.jtv.2026.101020

BEST PRACTICE/GUIDELINES

Tissue Viability
(Click on the link above to read the document)
Tissue viability is a clinical specialism dedicated to the prevention and management of wounds and the preservation of skin integrity. It draws on nursing science, dermatology, surgery, and rehabilitation medicine to address conditions ranging from pressure ulcers and venous leg ulcers to surgical wounds and burns. This article provides a comprehensive overview of the discipline, covering wound types, assessment frameworks, treatment approaches, professional education, and the evidence base that shapes current practice.
Tvs.org.uk Wound Care & Tissue Viability Resource 2026

Pressure Ulcer Guideline

About Guideline

The goal of the Clinical Practice Guideline is to provide evidence based recommendations for the prevention and treatment of pressure ulcers that can be used by health professionals throughout the world. The purpose of the prevention recommendations is to guide evidence based care to prevent the development of pressure ulcers. The purpose of the treatment focused recommendations is to provide evidence-based guidance on the most effective strategies to promote pressure ulcer healing.
European Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel 2026

Fundamentals of pressure ulcer care

It's estimated that just under half a million people in the UK will develop at least one pressure ulcer in any given year. These wounds cause pain and suffering and impact significantly on a person's quality of life. The financial impact to the NHS is approximately £2.2 billion a year and the costs of litigation is rising annually.
Education for both health and social care workers and patients is essential if this situation is to improve. This session will provide delegates with the fundamentals of pressure ulcer prevention and management using tools that can be applied in practice to help reduce pressure ulcers in their clinical areas.
Society of Tissue Viability 2026

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