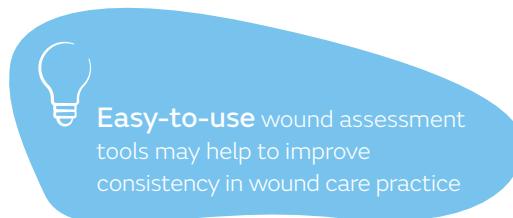
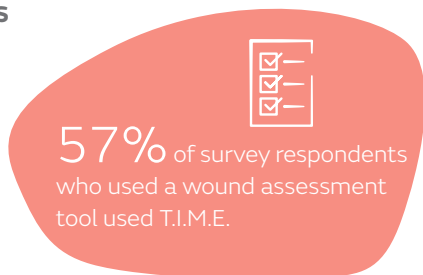


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T.I.M.E. (Tissue, Inflammation, Moisture, Edges) was the most frequently used wound assessment tool amongst wound clinicians surveyed at the European Wound Management Association (EWMA) meeting in 2018

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Overview

- A survey of delegates attending the 2018 EWMA annual meeting (52 countries)
- Survey included 20 questions exploring current standard wound care practice and use of wound assessment frameworks
- 250 wound care specialists responded to the survey and 196 answered all questions in full
 - Multiple responses were possible for some questions
- Most respondents were from Europe (68%) or Asia (23%) and nearly 75% (n=186) were responsible for clinical management of patients

Results

- T.I.M.E. was the most frequently used wound assessment tool (Figure)
 - However, 40% of respondents did not routinely use a wound assessment tool
- Measurements most frequently used to assess wound healing were wound size (43%) and wound bed status (28%)
- Time to referral and time to change treatment were highly variable (0 days to ≥2 months)

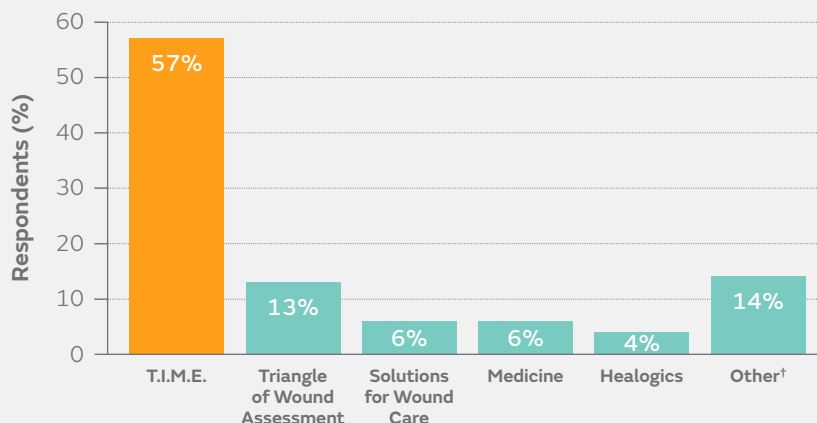


Figure. Wound assessment tools for respondents who use them (n=128)

†Other: Management of exudate, Oxygen, Infection control, Support and Tissue management (MOIST); Tissue, Inflammation, Moisture, Edges, Surrounding skin (TIMES); Canadian Association of Wound Care (CAWC); Wound Care Society, Wound Ischaemia and Foot Infection (WIFI); University of Texas classification and Welsh framework.

Conclusions

T.I.M.E. was the most frequently used of the various wound assessment tools available to wound care specialists from the countries represented in this survey. Results showed considerable variability in clinical practice for wound care, including time to referral and time to change treatment.

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