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Use of ALLEVYN[◇] LIFE Foam Dressing in a range of wound types, exudate levels and care settings had high satisfaction ratings, which could have a positive impact on wound healing and patient wellbeing

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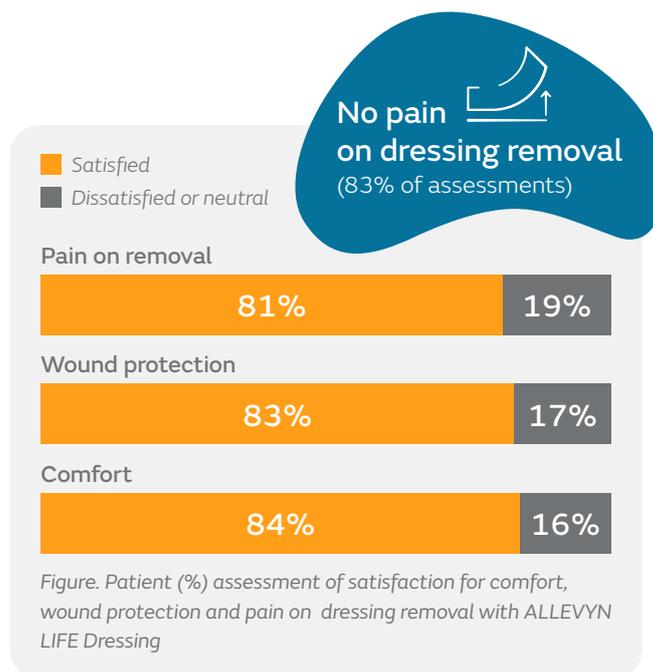


Overview

- A prospective, non-comparative evaluation of ALLEVYN LIFE Dressing performance in a variety of care settings
- A questionnaire was completed for each patient by the physician at baseline, dressing change and discontinuation
- Patients received ALLEVYN LIFE Dressing for up to four dressing changes or 14 days (mean wear time was 4 days)
- Uninfected wounds of various types and exudate levels were included (n=148); the majority were located on lower extremities (79.6%)

Results

- Compared with baseline, wound area, depth and volume significantly decreased after use of ALLEVYN LIFE Dressing ($p < 0.001$)
- Most clinicians (86%) were satisfied with use of ALLEVYN LIFE Dressing
 - Ease of application/removal (98%) and conformability (91%) had the highest ratings
 - More than 50% rated ALLEVYN LIFE Dressing better than the usual dressing
- Most patients (83%) were satisfied with use of ALLEVYN LIFE Dressing
 - Comfort, wound protection and pain on removal had the highest satisfaction ratings (Figure)
 - More than 55% rated the features of ALLEVYN LIFE Dressing better than the usual dressing (48% for odour masking)
- Use of ALLEVYN LIFE Dressing had a positive effect on living with a wound in 45% of assessments



Conclusions

Clinician and patient satisfaction with ALLEVYN LIFE Dressing was high, which may have a positive impact on wound healing and patient wellbeing.

Citation

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