

Confidence with assessing tissue type, identifying infection and managing exudate were enhanced by use of the T.I.M.E. clinical decision support tool (CDST) by non-wound specialists

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Overview

- Part of a multicenter international clinical evaluation of the T.I.M.E. CDST
- Conducted by non-wound care specialists at a chronic care and rehabilitation hospital in Canada
- T.I.M.E. CDST was used in a real-world setting with local clinical pathways
- Aim: to guide wound bed preparation and dressing selection as part of a quality improvement project

Results

- In five patient cases, use of the T.I.M.E. CDST contributed to a systematic and consistent holistic approach to wound care and enhanced confidence of non specialists (Table)

Table. T.I.M.E. CDST applications and key interventions in five patients

Patient / wound type	Key interventions	T.I.M.E. CDST applications
Female, aged 68 years Venous leg ulcer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mechanical debridement • ACTICOAT[®] FLEX Antimicrobial Barrier Dressing 	Identified infection; showed a need to change treatment, trigger referral and optimise dressings; supported patient discussions
Female, aged 68 years Trauma wound	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IODOSORB[®] 0.9% Cadexomer Iodine Powder • ALLEVYN[®] LIFE Foam Dressing • Compression 	Directed clinical decision making and care planning
Male, aged 72 years Trauma wound	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IODOSORB Powder • ALLEVYN GENTLE Foam Dressing • Compression 	Directed clinical decision making, aided dressing selection and helped with determining treatment regimens
Male, aged >75 years Sacral pressure injury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antibiotics • ACTICOAT FLEX Dressing 	Directed dressing selection and helped inform discussions with a wound specialist
Female, aged 87 years Sacral pressure injury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACTICOAT FLEX Dressing 	Informed the decision to refer to a wound specialist and the multidisciplinary team

Conclusions

Real-world use of the T.I.M.E. CDST helped to provide a systematic and consistent approach to wound management. Non-wound care specialists had enhanced confidence determining tissue type, identifying infection and assessing exudate; they also used the tool to help communicate treatment decisions to patients and specialists.

Citation

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