

# Shared wound care can help healthcare professionals manage their chronic wound case loads and improve patient-reported outcomes

## Overview



Nurses managing chronic wounds are facing **mounting pressures** that may negatively impact patient care and quality of life<sup>1</sup>



Healthcare bodies are calling for approaches that **enhance efficiencies**, like **shared wound care**<sup>2</sup>

## Implementing shared wound care

Shared wound care is a collaborative approach between patients and nurses that **empowers patients with tools and knowledge** to be more involved in **monitoring their wound and changing dressings**.

**Click or scan the QR code** below to access a how-to guide for implementing shared wound care in your practice.<sup>3</sup>

Includes:

- Evidence overview of shared wound care
- Clinician checklist
- Simplified wound care diary
- Visual explainers
- Step-by-step guides



## How can shared wound care benefit your practice?

### Patient benefits

**Nurse-guided care** combined with **patient empowerment** through education can lead to enhanced treatment **compliance**<sup>4-6</sup>

Improved **quality of life** and **pain** compared with standard care<sup>2,7</sup>

**Increased independence** through the ability to carry out care at a convenient time<sup>6</sup>



Shared wound care



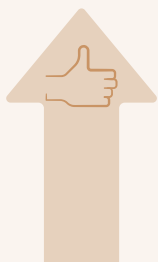
### Nurse and provider benefits

Empowered patients exhibit increased **engagement with treatment**, which may help promote **wound healing**<sup>6,7</sup>

**Collaboration**, leading to **improved patient satisfaction** and nurse-patient **relationships**<sup>2,8</sup>

**Time freed up** to manage patients with more complex needs, and **cost savings** associated with fewer clinically unnecessary or shorter homecare visits<sup>8</sup>

**An independent systematic literature review (SLR) on shared wound care commissioned by EWMA found:**<sup>2</sup>



Significant **improvements** in **patient wound care knowledge**, **pain** and **self-care behaviours** compared with standard care (n=3,149; p<0.05)

**Compared with previous care, implementation of shared wound care has demonstrated:**



**59.3%** reduction in visit frequency (p<0.001)<sup>9</sup>



**Similar wound healing rates** as would be expected with a standard care pathway<sup>10</sup>

A growing body of evidence supports the benefits of ALLEVYN® 5-layer dressings for wound management



17 publications support ALLEVYN 5-layer dressings for wound management\*<sup>11</sup>

Combining ALLEVYN 5-layer dressings with shared wound care approaches:

Demonstrated the potential to release



11%

of nursing hours globally per year<sup>†1</sup>



Led to enhanced **independence** and **empowerment**, as reported by patients.<sup>4</sup> Over 40% of patients were eligible for shared wound care and patients had 82% engagement with the shared wound care approach.<sup>9</sup>



Led clinicians to **avoid clinically unnecessary visits** while maintaining regular communication with patients.<sup>‡4</sup> Reducing visit frequency by 72% (p<0.001).<sup>9</sup>

Compared with previous dressings, ALLEVYN 5-layer dressings following clinician education on the product and change practice, have been shown to help:

Promote undisturbed wound healing by enhancing wear times<sup>12</sup>

A meta-analysis of clinical studies revealed use of ALLEVYN 5-layer dressings was associated with:<sup>13</sup>



Up to **45%** reduction in dressing change frequency, resulting in longer wear times (p<0.0001)

ALLEVYN 5-layer dressings significantly reduce mean weekly dressing change frequency (p<0.0001):



Vs. previous dressings (all types)



Vs. previous foam dressings

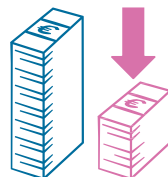
Reduce clinically unnecessary dressing changes, visits and associated costs<sup>14-17</sup>

A study of 94 patients in a community setting found:<sup>14</sup>

**59%** reduction in costs (mean weekly dressing costs per patient; p<0.001)



€27.70 Previous dressings



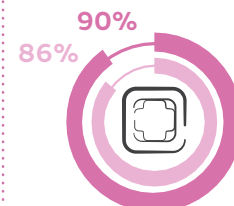
€11.45 ALLEVYN 5-layer dressings

Result in high patient satisfaction and confidence to be involved in their care<sup>14,18,19</sup>

In a study of 190 nurses, ALLEVYN 5-layer dressings helped:<sup>19</sup>



Empower patients or carers to share wound care



Nurses reported ALLEVYN 5-layer dressings helped:

- Remotely train patients on dressing changes
- Empower patients or carers to share wound care

\*Peer-reviewed manuscripts and conference abstracts, as of May 2023. †In a mathematical modelling study. ‡Clinical case series of 10 patients and five nurses.

Abbreviations: EWMA = European Wound Management Association; HCP = healthcare professional; SLR = systematic literature review.

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