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T.I.M.E. clinical decision support tool (CDST) provided consistent guidance to non-wound specialists on appropriate treatment and aided communication with the multidisciplinary team (MDT)

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Consistent guidance
on appropriate treatment



Aided communication
between non-specialist
and MDT members

Overview

- The last of four multicentre international clinical evaluations of the T.I.M.E. CDST, which was conducted at Silver Chain Group, Perth, Australia
- Non-wound care specialists used the T.I.M.E. CDST to guide wound bed preparation and dressing selection for five patients
- Wounds were monitored and treatment was reviewed for up to one month
- Wound size, condition of the wound bed, wound progression and achievement of wound management goals were assessed

Results

- Four patients had diabetic foot ulcers (2 male, 2 female); one female had a venous leg ulcer
 - Wound duration range: 6 weeks to 4 years
 - All patients were aged >65 years
- Use of the T.I.M.E. CDST consistently helped to:
 - Direct appropriate product selection
 - Improve assessment skills and decision making
 - Facilitate discussions with the MDT
 - Instil confidence with referrals

“Following this case series, the non-specialists involved felt that the T.I.M.E. CDST had potential to support wound bed preparation and dressing selection, and should be adopted into their own care system.”

Conclusions

In this case series, use of the T.I.M.E. CDST by non-wound care specialists provided consistent guidance on appropriate treatment and was particularly valuable in aiding communications with members of the MDT.

Citation

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