

Financial and Clinical Benefits of Optimizing Dressing Regimens in Value-Based Wound Care



Median dressing changes in the 7 days before the baseline visit compared to the 7 days before the final visit. No suboptimal dressing performance.

CONCLUSIONS

Introduction of a high-quality bordered foam dressing, supported by an educational program for clinical staff, resulted in a prolonged interval between dressing changes and an overall reduction in dressing-related costs.

Clinical performance data suggest that this approach can also positively impact wound outcomes.

These findings highlight the potential benefit of dressing protocol improvements in delivering value-based wound care.

COST

J 44%

Reduction in weekly dressing costs (a saving of 5.38 Euros/week per patient)

HEALING

↓50%

Reduction in wound area in 4 weeks in 75% of patients

32%

Wounds healed by final visit



↓ 68.7%

Reduction in wound area from baseline to final visit

PAIN



Reduction in pain scores during dressing changes from

 $3.3 \rightarrow 0.5$

PROBLEM

How to do more with less without sacrificing patient outcomes.

BACKGROUND

As part of an initiative to optimize dressing usage in primary care facilities in Seville, Spain, a literature review identified Mepilex® Border Flex as best meeting published requirements for bordered foam dressings.² The baseline included a range of formulary foam dressings.

STUDY AIM

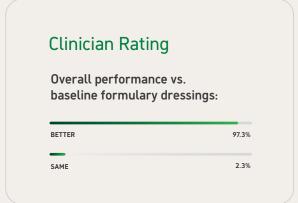
To investigate potential benefits of a change in dressing utilization for chronic wound management in primary and home care settings.

METHODOLOGY

37 patients with chronic wounds (mostly category 2 pressure injuries and VLUs) that had not reduced in size by more than 40% to 50% in the previous month.

✓ Structured educational Baseline formulary dressings used for 4 weeks prior to baseline visit, program for study clinicians. with historical data collected during 7 days preceding baseline visit.

Baseline formulary dressings switched to Mepilex® Border Flex (in conjunction with standard of care) and used for 4 weeks, with evaluation of usage during 7 days preceding final visit.



Patient Rating Overall satisfaction following final visit: VERY GOOD 86.5% GOOD 13.5%

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