

Chronic Wound Management

Addressing the Challenge of Diabetic Foot Ulcers



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Learning Objectives

- É Review relevant statistics and scope of diabetic foot ulcers (DFUS)
- É Discuss science and evidence supporting current evaluation and management strategies for wound bed preparation in chronic diabetic foot ulcers including the role of silver, NPWT, Collagen ORC, instillation therapy and epidermal grafting
- É Explore cases illustrating the role of advanced wound dressings in the management of diabetic foot ulcers

Overview of Foot Ulcers in Patients with Diabetes

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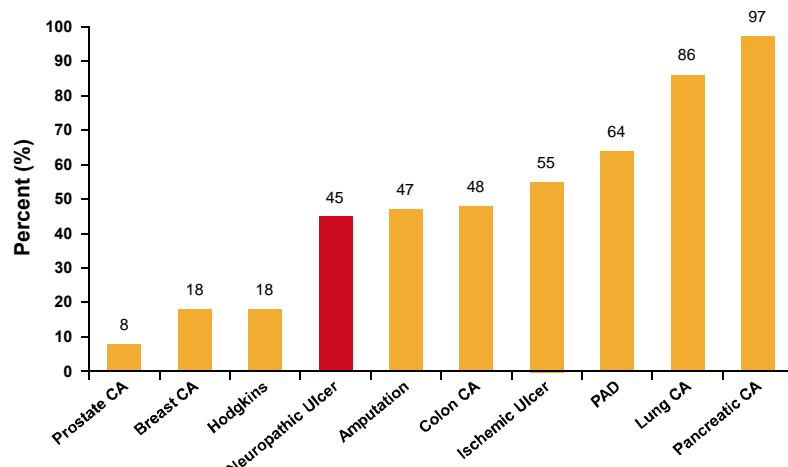
Diabetic Foot Ulcers

- É One of the most common complications of diabetes
- É Annual incidence 1% to 4%¹⁻²
- É Lifetime risk **1 million amputations globally in patients with diabetes (every 30 seconds)**
- É ~15% of patients with diabetes will develop a foot ulcer in their lifetime^{3,5}
- É ~85% of patients with a foot ulcer will proceed to amputation⁶
- É Peripheral neuropathy, a major risk factor in diabetic foot ulcers¹⁻⁷
 - . Other factors: foot deformity, callus, trauma, infection, and peripheral vascular disease

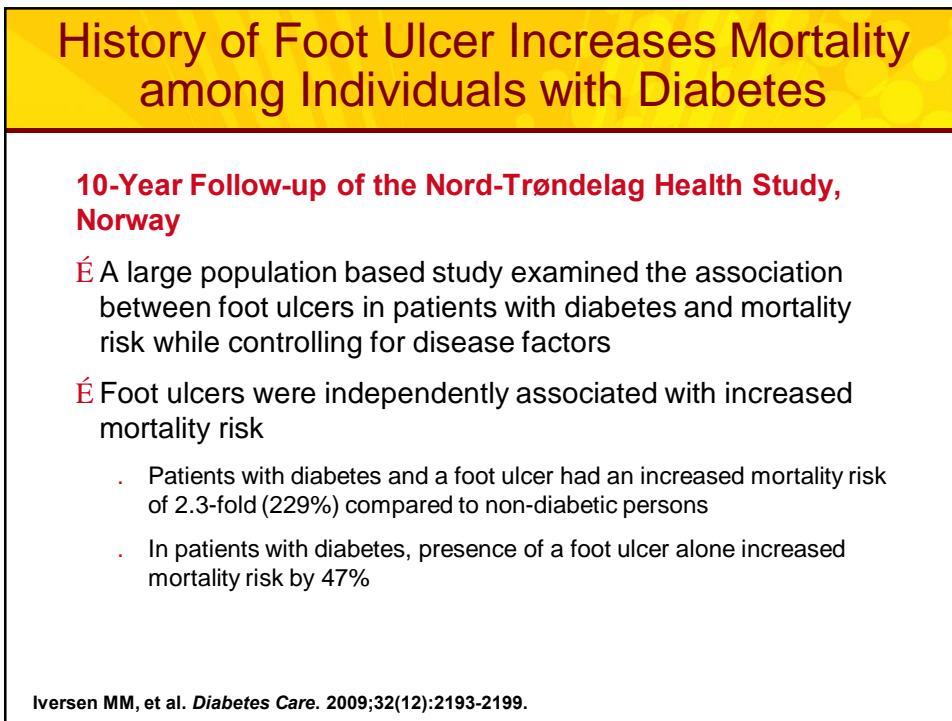
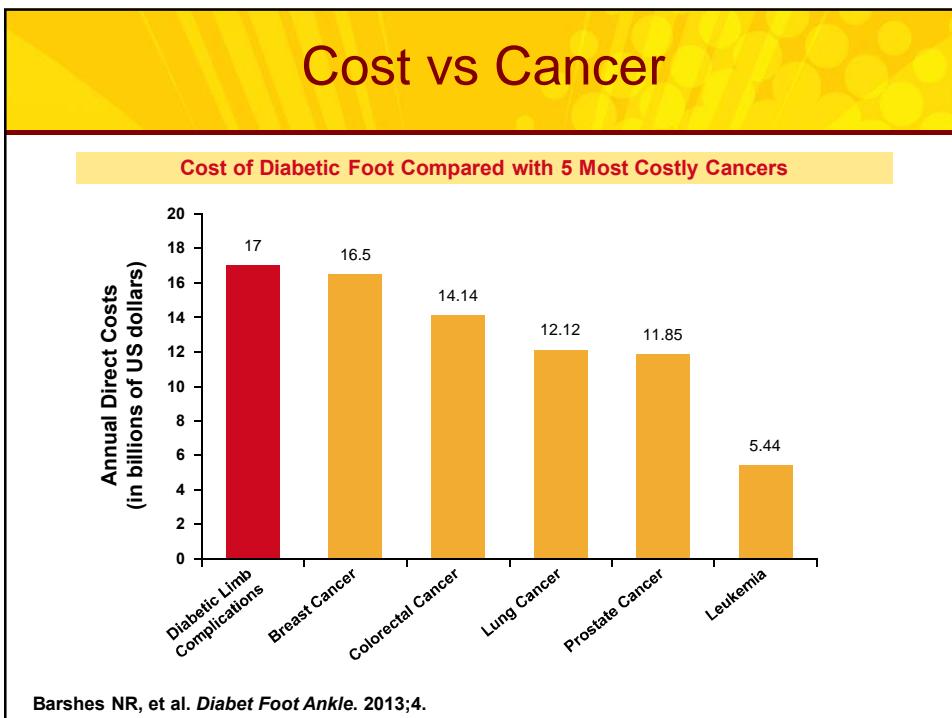


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5 Year Mortality vs Cancer



CA = cancer; PAD = peripheral arterial disease.
Armstrong DG, et al. *Int Wound J*. 2007;4(4):286-287.



Just Having a Neuropathic Foot Ulcer Is a Marker for Death!



Snyder R.J. *Podiatry Management*. 2010.

The Extent of the Problem of Problem Wounds—Diabetic Foot Ulcers

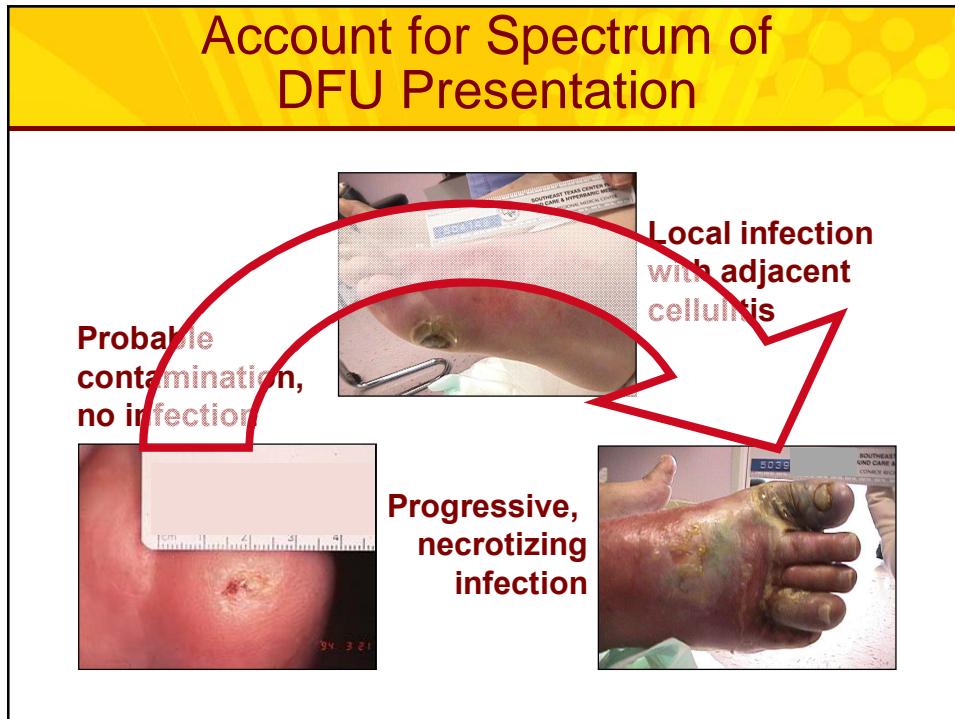
É In Denmark a multidisciplinary wound management program integrating vascular intervention and wound care has reduced LEA rate by 75%

Gottrup, F, et al. *Arch Surg*. 2001; 136: 765-772. Holstein P, et al. *Diabetologia*. 2000;43(7):844-847.

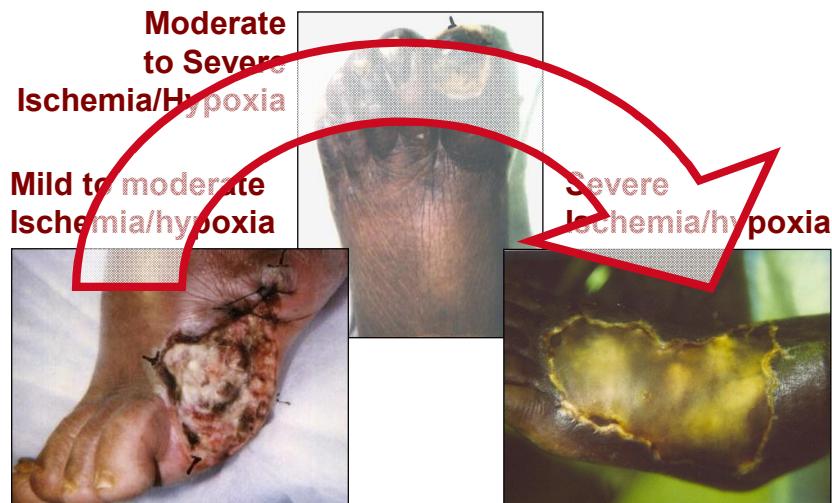
Infection Contributes to Various Complications Including Amputation



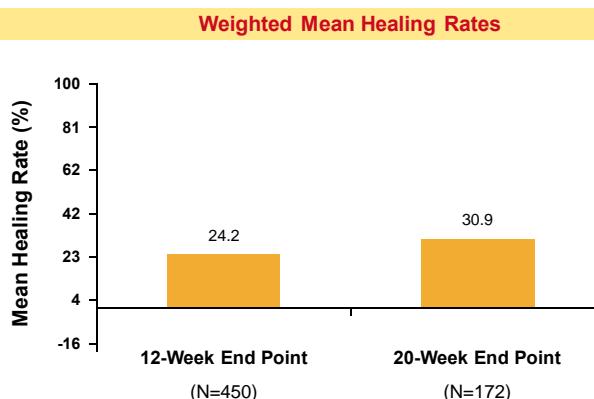
Account for Spectrum of DFU Presentation



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Healing Neuropathic Ulcers: Results of a Meta-analysis

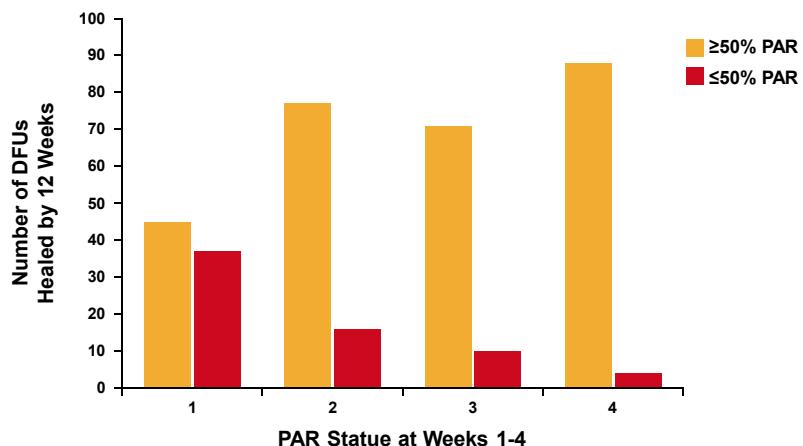


These data provide clinicians with a realistic assessment of their chances of healing neuropathic ulcers

Even with good, standard wound care, healing neuropathic ulcers in patients with diabetes continues to be a challenge

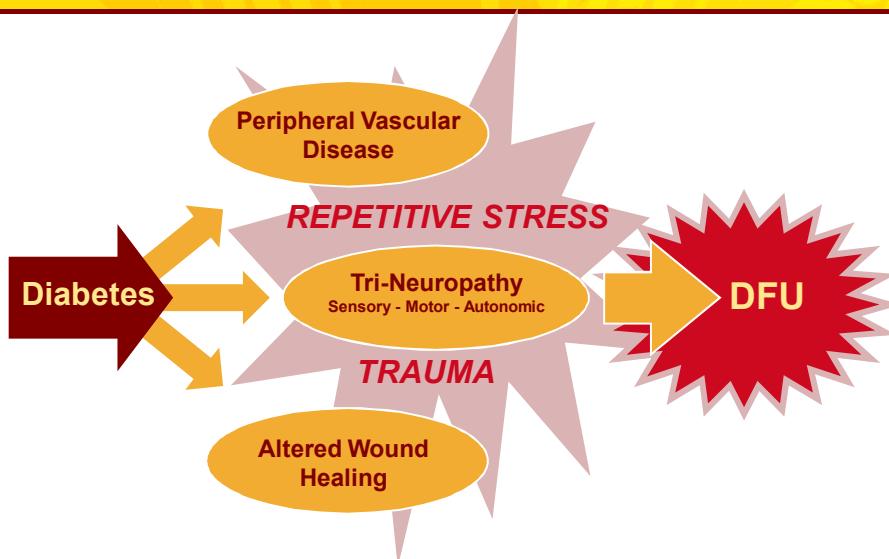
Margolis DJ, et al. *Diabetes Care*. 1999;22(5):692-695.

Number of DFUs that Healed by 12 Weeks



Results suggest that PAR at week 4 is the best prognostic indicator of healing by 12 weeks because it provides the highest specificity and sensitivity

Pathophysiology of DFU



Foot ulcers in patients with diabetes can be classified as neuropathic, neuroischemic, or ischemic; however there is often an overlap between macro and microvascular disease that blurs the lines between them

Neuro-ischemic (foot margins)



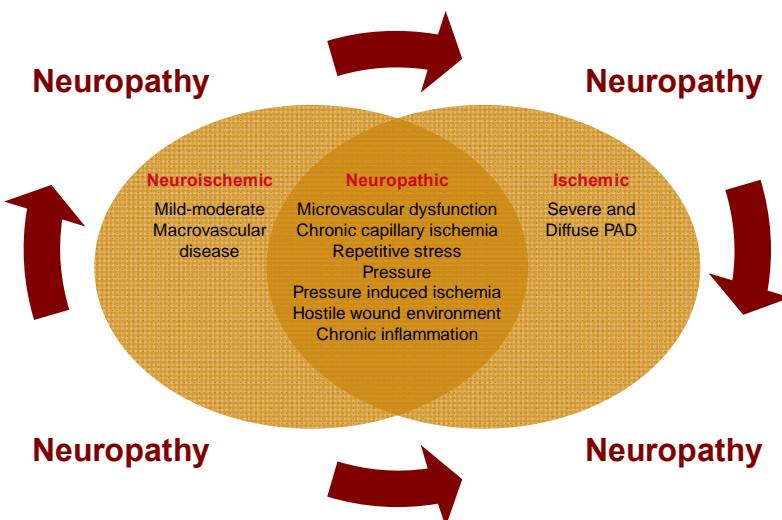
Ischemic (distal)



Neuropathic (Plantar with callus)

Snyder RJ, Cook R. *Textbook of Angiosomes*. 2013.

Snyder-Cook Circle of Overlapping Vascular Progression



Snyder RJ, Cook R. *Textbook of Angiosomes*. 2013.

DFUõ Pathophysiology Final Common Pathways

- É Infection
- É Ischemia/hypoxia
- É Cellular failure
- É Pressure/trauma
- É Inflammation
- É Age

**All final common pathways
are implicated in DFU healing failure!!**

Think Like an Internist, Before You Act Like a Surgeon+

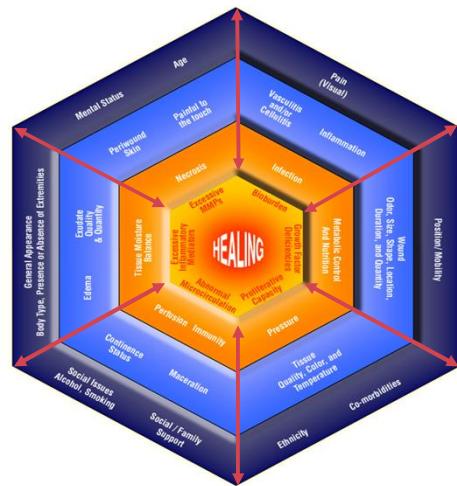
Wound management often requires a subtle balance between medical and surgical interventions



Wm. Ennis, DO 2009.

Core Healing Principles

- Patient factors
- Physical aspects
- MACROscopic environment
- MICROscopic environment

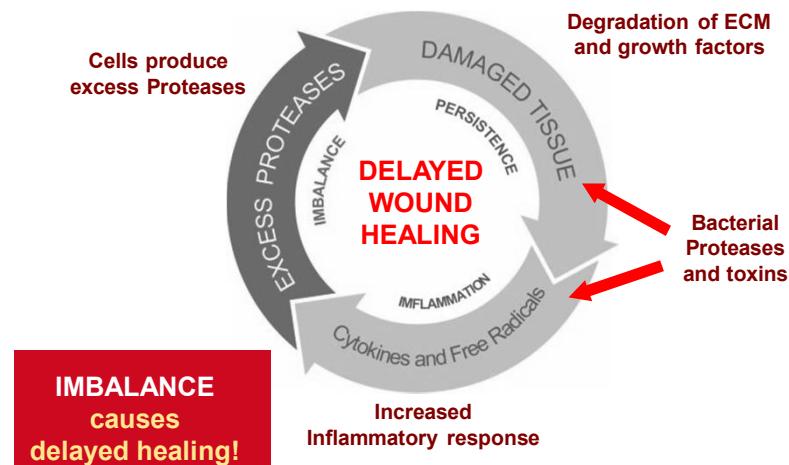


Proposed Mechanisms for Chronicity in DFUs



Falanga V. *Blood Cells Mol Dis.* 2004;32(1):88-94. Kirsner R, Personal Communication 2010.

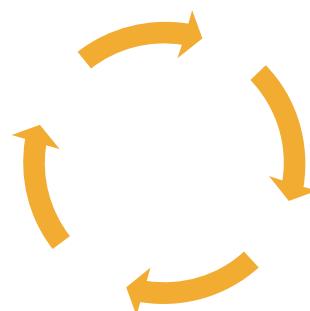
What Causes Delayed Healing?



ECM = extracellular matrix.
Wysocki AB, et al. *J Invest Dermatol*. 1993;101(1):64-68. Harris IR, et al. *Exp Dermatol*. 1995;4(6):342-349.

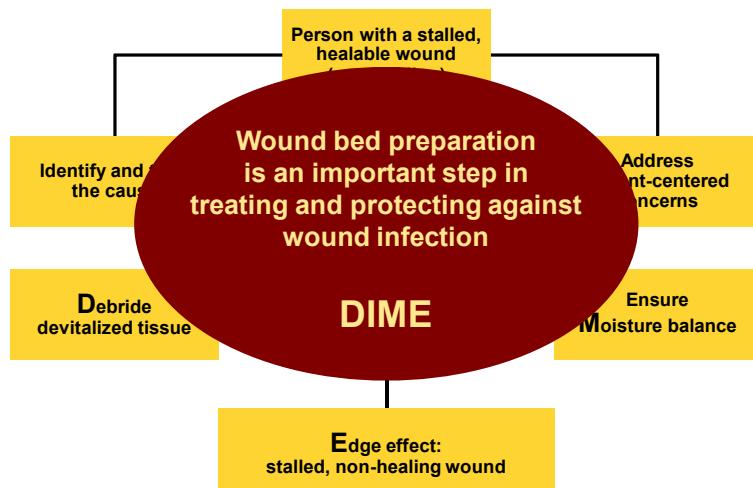
A Paradigm Shift in Wound Management Protocols:

Understanding the wound micro-environment may lead to better choices



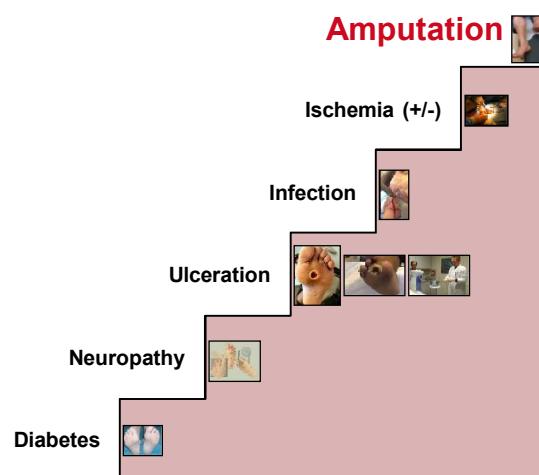
Snyder RJ. *Wounds*. 2005;(Suppl 1):S12-S17.

Wound Bed Preparation



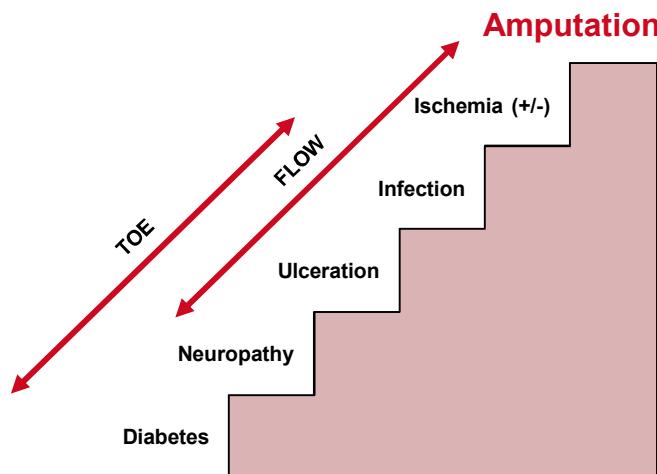
Sibbald RG, et al. *Adv Skin Wound Care*. 2011;24(9):415-436. Schultz GS, et al. *Wound Repair Regen*. 2003;11(Suppl 1):S1-S28.

Stairway to Amputation



Rogers LC, et al. *J Vasc Surg*. 2010;52(3 Suppl):23S-27S.

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Essential Questions

- É What can we do to prepare the wound to support healing?
- É What can we put on the wound to rebalance the wound micro-environment?
- É What can we do to sustain ulcer healing?

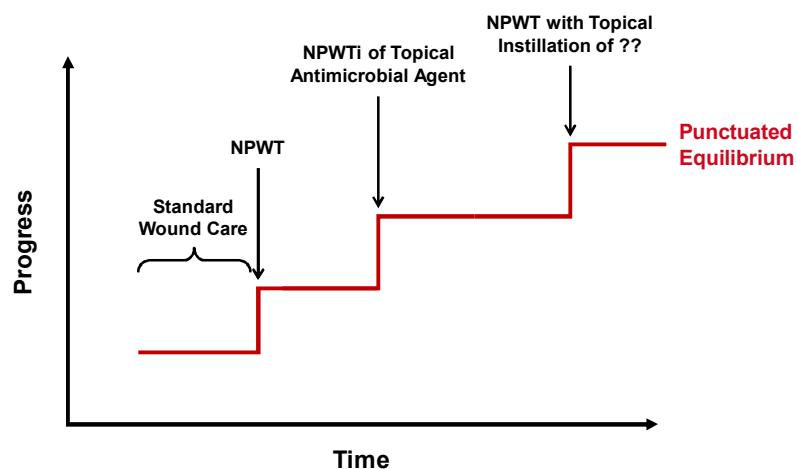
Role of NPWT with Instillation in Diabetic Foot Ulcers

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Evolution



NPWT = negative pressure wound therapy; NPWTi = negative pressure wound therapy with instillation.

NPWT with Instillation



Negative-Pressure Wound Therapy with Instillation: International Consensus Guidelines

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Background: Negative-pressure wound therapy is increasingly utilized as an adjunct therapy for a wide variety of wounds. Despite its growing popularity, there is a paucity of evidence and lack of guidance to provide effective use of this therapy.

Methods: A panel of experts was convened to provide guidance regarding the appropriate use of negative-pressure wound therapy with instillation. A face-to-face meeting was held where the available evidence was discussed and individual clinical experience with this therapy was shared. Follow-up communication among the panelists continued until consensus was achieved. The final consensus recommendations were derived through more than 80 percent agreement among the panelists.

Results: Nine consensus statements were generated that address the appropriate use of negative-pressure wound therapy with instillation. The question of clinical effectiveness of this therapy was not directly addressed by the consensus panel.

Conclusion: This document serves as preliminary guidelines until more robust evidence emerges that will support or modify these consensus recommendations. (*Plast. Reconstr. Surg.* 132: 1569, 2013.)

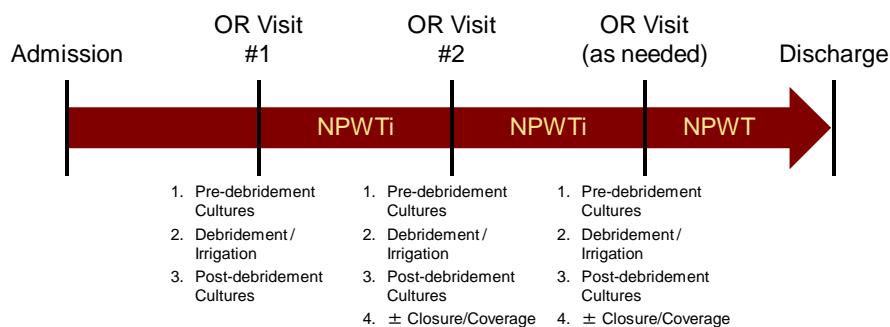
Consensus Statement #1

NPWTi can be used as an adjunct therapy after being appropriately treated and evaluated in the following wound types:

1. Acutely and chronically infected
2. Contaminated
3. **Diabetic**
4. Traumatic
5. Decubitus
6. Wounds with exposed bone
7. Wounds with underlying osteomyelitis
8. Infected wounds in the presence of orthopedic hardware or joint implants*
9. Painful
10. As a bridge between staged/delayed amputation
 - . Appropriately treat and evaluate
 - . Not a sole modality to treat infection

*no FDA indication.
Kim PJ, et al. *Plast Reconstr Surg.* 2013;132(6):1569-1579.

Georgetown University Hospital Treatment Algorithm for Inpatient Care of the Infected Wound



- É Patients receive antibiotics per ID service at the time of admission
- É Time elapsed between the first and second OR visit within 2 to 4 days
- É Coverage or closure is dictated by the prior post-debridement culture results and clinical assessment

OR = operating room; ID = infectious diseases.

Case Study 1

É 32-year-old male

- Type II DM, PVD, and peripheral neuropathy
- Presented with cellulitis, abscess

É Hospital course

- OR #1 I&D, NPWTi, post-debridement cultures + Strep B
- OR #2 TMA + closure



DM = diabetes mellitus; PVD = peripheral vascular disease; I&D = incision and drainage; TMA = transmetatarsal amputation.

Case Study 2

É 54-year-old male

- Type II DM, PVD, and peripheral neuropathy
- Presented with cellulitis, abscess, osteomyelitis of the 1st metatarsal head, proximal phalanx of the hallux

É Hospital course

- OR #1 I&D, 3 days of NPWTi, OR #2 filet of hallux closure
- OR visit #1 post-debridement cultures positive methicillin-resistant *staphylococcus aureus*
- OR visit #2 predebridement cultures no growth



Case Study 3

É 52-year-old female

- Poorly controlled DM
- Hospital to hospital transfer with cellulitis, abscess, exposed tendon

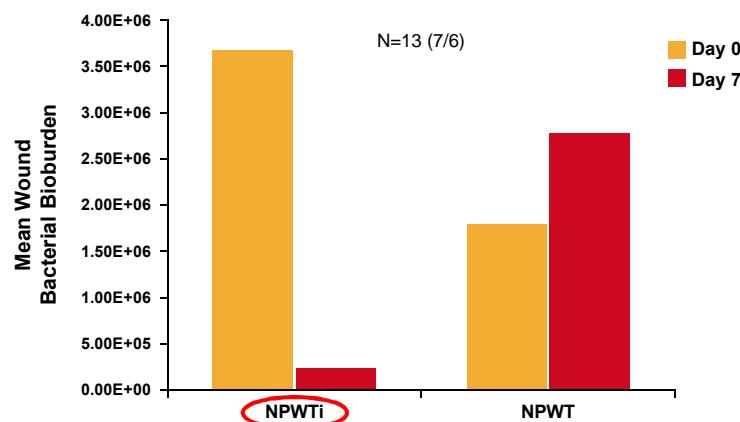
É Hospital Course

- OR #1 Initial I&D, 2 days with NPWTi, OR #2 Repeat I&D, 3 days of NPWTi, OR #3 filet of hallux, Integra
- OR visit #1 post-debridement cultures positive strep, *Pseudomonas*
- OR visit #2 post-debridement cultures positive strep
- OR visit #3 predebridement cultures negative



NPWTi with ¼ Strength (0.125%) Dakin's: Human

Bacterial Bioburden Change over Time with NPWTi vs NPWT



Goss SG, et al. J Am Coll Clin Wound Spec. 2014;4(4):74-80.

NPWTi with Normal Saline: Human

Percentage of Patients Receiving Conventional NPWT BEFORE NPWTi

	Patients (%)
Centre 1 (Orléans)	42
Centre 2 (Montpellier)	37
Centre 3 (Strasbourg)	35
Mean	35

Percentage of Patients Receiving Conventional NPWT AFTER NPWTi

	Patients (%)
Centre 1 (Orléans)	51
Centre 2 (Montpellier)	72
Centre 3 (Strasbourg)	23
Mean	48.8

Percentage of Patients for Each Closure Method

	Skin Graft (%)	Flap (%)	Primary Suture (%)
Centre 1 (Orléans)	70	1	29
Centre 2 (Montpellier)	59	31	10
Centre 3 (Strasbourg)	44.30	20	35.50
Mean	57.76	17.33	24.83

Wound closure was achieved in 128 of 131 wounds

Brinkert D, et al. *Int Wound J.* 2013;10(suppl 1):56-60.

The Impact of Negative-Pressure Wound Therapy with Instillation Compared with Standard Negative-Pressure Wound Therapy: A Retrospective, Historical, Cohort, Controlled Study

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Background: Negative-pressure wound therapy with instillation is a novel wound therapy that combines negative pressure with instillation of a topical solution.

Methods: This retrospective, historical, cohort-control study examined the impact of negative-pressure wound therapy with and without instillation.

Results: One hundred forty-two patients (negative-pressure wound therapy, $n = 74$; therapy with instillation, 6-minute dwell time, $n = 34$; and therapy with instillation, 20-minute dwell time, $n = 34$) were included in the analysis. Number of operative visits was significantly lower for the 6- and 20-minute dwell time groups (2.4 ± 0.9 and 2.6 ± 0.9 , respectively) compared with the no-instillation group (3.0 ± 0.9) ($p \leq 0.05$). Hospital stay was significantly shorter for the 20-minute dwell time group (11.4 ± 5.1 days) compared with the no-instillation group (14.92 ± 9.23 days) ($p \leq 0.05$). Time to final surgical procedure was significantly shorter for the 6- and 20-minute dwell time groups (7.8 ± 5.2 and 7.5 ± 3.1 days, respectively) compared with the no-instillation group (9.23 ± 5.2 days) ($p \leq 0.05$). Percentage of wounds closed before discharge and culture improvement for Gram-positive bacteria was significantly higher for the 6-minute dwell time group (94 and 90 percent, respectively) compared with the no-instillation group (62 and 63 percent, respectively) ($p \leq 0.05$).

Conclusion: The authors' results suggest that negative-pressure wound therapy with instillation (6- or 20-minute dwell time) is more beneficial than standard negative-pressure wound therapy for the adjunctive treatment of acutely and chronically infected wounds that require hospital admission. (*Plast Reconstr Surg.* 133: 709, 2014.)

CLINICAL QUESTION/LEVEL OF EVIDENCE: Therapeutic, III.

Kim PJ, et al. *Plast Reconstr Surg.* 2014;133(3):709-716

Demographics

		NPWT	NPWTi 6	NPWTi 20	
	Value (%)	Value (%)	P*	Value (%)	P†
Age, yr	Mean ± SD	58 ± 13	63 ± 16	55 ± 17	
	Range	18-95	20-88	18-90	.43
Male sex		38 (51)	20 (59)	.54	.22
Race					
African American		21 (28)	17 (50)	.03	.13
Caucasian		39 (53)	16 (47)	.68	.30
Hispanic		2 (6)	1 (3)	1.0	1.0
Asian		1 (3)	1 (1)	1.0	.72
Other		6 (8)	5 (15)	.32	.4 (12)
BMI, kg/m ²		32 ± 9.14	29.6 ± 6.77	.17	.63
Current smoker		7 (9)	2 (6)	.72	.74
Comorbidities					
Diabetes type 1		7 (9)	2 (6)	.72	.74
Diabetes type 2		35 (47)	18 (53)	.54	1.0
ESRD		22 (30)	12 (35)	.66	.05
PVD		27 (36)	10 (29)	.52	.83
Autoimmune disease		4 (5)	4 (12)	.26	.68
Hemiparalysis		1 (1)	2 (6)	.23	.53
History of cancer		6 (8)	2 (6)	1.0	1.0
Kidney/pancreas transplant		3 (4)	1 (3)	1.0	1.0

NPWTi 6 = negative-pressure with instillation 6-minute dwell time; NPWTi 20 = negative-pressure with instillation 20-minute dwell time; BMI = body mass index; ESRD = end-stage renal disease.

*Comparison of NPWT and NPWT 6. †Comparison of NPWT and NPWTi 20.

Kim PJ, et al. *Plast Reconstr Surg.* 2014;133(3):709-716.

Wound Cause and Anatomical Location

		NPWT	NPWTi 6	NPWTi 20	
	Value (%)	Value (%)	P*	Value (%)	P†
Primary Cause					
Ischemic wound	17 (23)	7 (21)	1.0	8 (24)	1.0
Neuropathic wound	16 (22)	6 (18)	.80	7 (21)	1.0
Decubitus wound	16 (22)	6 (18)	.80	4 (12)	.29
Surgical wound	17 (23)	9 (26)	.81	10 (29)	.48
Venous	3 (4)	2 (6)	.05	1 (3)	1.0
Traumatic	4 (5)	2 (6)	1.0	1 (3)	1.0
Other (unclear)	3 (4)	2 (6)	.65	3 (9)	.38
Anatomical Location					
Forefoot	12 (16)	6 (18)	1.0	12 (35)	.04
Midfoot	12 (16)	3 (9)	.38	3 (9)	.38
Hindfoot / heel	22 (30)	6 (18)	.24	3 (9)	.03
Transmetatarsal amputation site	1 (1)	2 (6)	.23	2 (6)	.23
Ankle	7 (9)	4 (12)	.74	3 (9)	1.0
Leg	7 (9)	4 (12)	.74	6 (18)	.40
Below-knee amputation site	1 (1)	2 (6)	.23	0 (0)	
Knee	1 (1)	1 (3)	.53	2 (6)	.23
Thigh	3 (4)	1 (3)	1.0	0 (0)	
Back / buttock	2 (3)	2 (6)	.59	3 (9)	.32
Abdomen	5 (7)	3 (9)	.71	0 (0)	
Arm	1 (1)	0 (0)	1.0	0 (0)	

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Results: Outcomes

	NPWT	NPWTi 6	NPWTi 20	
	Value (%)	Value (%)	P*	Value (%)
No. of OR visits	3.0 ± 0.9	2.4 ± 0.9	.04	2.6 ± 0.9
Length of hospital stay	14.92 ± 9.2	11.9 ± 7.8	.10	11.4 ± 5.1
Time to final surgical procedure	9.23 ± 5.2	7.8 ± 5.2	.04	7.5 ± 3.1
Closed	46 (62)	32 (94)	.0004	27 (80)
Remained closed at 1 mo	28 (61)	24 (75)	.23	14 (52)
Overall culture improvement	28 (38)	20 (59)	.06	17 (50)
Culture improvement with Gram-negative, <i>Corynebacterium</i> , and yeast excluded	17 (63)	19 (90)	.0001	13 (65)
				.77

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NPWTi with Saline or Polyhexanide: Human

Comparative Outcomes between NPWTi-d and NPWT Patients

	NPWTi-d	NPWT	P
Patients, n	48	34	
Mean hospital stay, d	8.1	27.4	<.0001
Mean time to wound closure, d	4.1	20.9	<.0001
Mean surgical debridements in the OR	2	4.4	<.0001
LOT, d	4.1	20.9	<.0001

Potential Cost-Effectiveness of NPWTi-d

	NPWTi-d	NPWT	Difference
Patients, n	48	34	
Trips to OR for debridement	2.0	4.4	2.4
Mean cost of an OR debridement	\$3393	\$3393	.
Total OR debridement cost	\$6786	\$14,929	\$8143
Length of NPWTi-d, d	.	20.9	20.9
Daily cost of therapy	\$194.80	\$106.08	\$88.72
Total therapy costs	\$799	\$2217	\$1418

d = days; LOT = length of therapy.
Gabriel A, et al. *Eplasty*. 2014;14:328-338.

Saline vs 0.1% Polihexanide + 0.1% Betaine

É Prospective, randomized, comparative effectiveness study

- NPWTi (V.A.C. Ultra System with Veraflo®, Acelity Inc.)
- Normal saline vs 0.1% polihexanide + 0.1% betaine (PHMB) (Prontosan®, B. Braun Medical Inc.)

É 4 surgeons, single institution

É Device settings

- 20 minute dwell, 2 hours of negative pressure

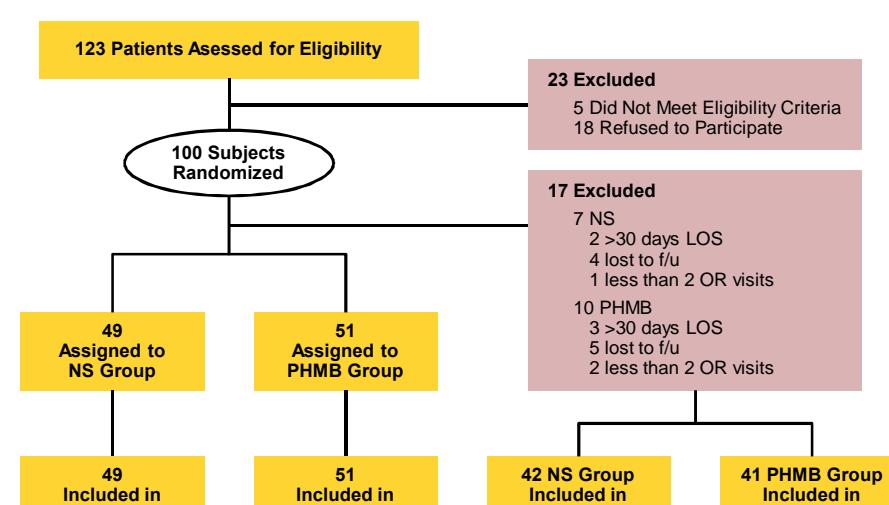
É Eligibility criteria

- Admission for infected wounds that require OR debridement
- All wound types

É Both ITT and PP analysis

PHMB = polyhexamethylene biguanide; ITT = intention-to-treat; PP = per protocol.
Kim, PJ. Presented at: Diabetic Limb Salvage Conference; October 2014; Washington, DC.

Analysis



LOS = length of stay; f/u = follow-up; NS = normal saline.
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Demographics and Comorbidities ITT and PP

ITT			PP		
NS (%)	PHMB (%)	P	NS (%)	PHMB (%)	P
28 (57.14)	43 (84.31)	.004*	Male	27 (64)	.081
21 (42.86)	8 (15.69)	.004*	Female	15 (36)	.082
59.64 ± 15.36	55.94 ± 13.86	.208	Age	60.66 ± 15.13	.430
29.39 ± 7.86	29.46 ± 13.86	.977	BMI	29.10 ± 8.19	.680
21 (42.9)	21 (41.2)	1	AA	19 (51.4)	.505
22 (44.9)	23 (45.1)	1	Caucasian	17 (45.9)	.661
1 (2.0)	5 (9.8)	.205	Asian	1 (2.7)	.109
18 (36.7)	21 (41.2)	.686	Amp Hx	16 (38.1)	.824
8 (16.3)	5 (9.8)	.384	CA Hx	6 (14.3)	1
26 (53.1)	29 (56.9)	.841	DM	22 (52.4)	.661
6 (12.2)	5 (9.8)	.758	ESRD	4 (9.5)	1
1 (2.0)	4 (7.8)	.363	CAD	1 (2.4)	.360
3 (6.1)	4 (7.8)	1	CVA Hx	2 (4.8)	.433
6 (12.2)	3 (5.9)	.313	HEP	3 (7.1)	1
2 (4.1)	2 (3.9)	1	RA	1 (2.4)	.616
9 (18.4)	12 (23.5)	.626	PVD	9 (21.4)	1
2 (4.1)	3 (5.9)	1	Transplant Hx	1 (2.4)	.616
21 (42.9)	19 (37.3)	.684	Smoking Hx	17 (40.5)	1

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Wound Etiology ITT and PP

ITT			PP		
NS (%)	PHMB (%)	P	NS (%)	PHMB (%)	P
14 (28.6)	17 (33.3)	.669	Neuropathic	14 (33.3)	1
16 (32.7)	20 (39.2)	.537	Surgical	13 (31.0)	.495
3 (6.1)	2 (3.9)	.675	Venous	2 (4.8)	1
6 (12.2)	6 (11.8)	1	Ischemic	6 (14.3)	1
7 (14.3)	4 (7.8)	.352	Decubitus	4 (9.5)	1
1 (2.1)	1 (2.0)	1	Trauma	1 (2.4)	-
2 (4.1)	1 (2.0)	.614	Other	1 (4.8)	1

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Wound Location ITT and PP

ITT			PP		
NS (%)	PHMB (%)	P	NS (%)	PHMB (%)	P
10 (20.4)	15 (29.4)	.359	Forefoot	10 (23.8)	.469
3 (6.1)	5 (9.8)	.716	Midfoot	2 (4.8)	.676
5 (10.2)	6 (11.8)	1	Hindfoot / heel	3 (7.1)	.483
5 (10.2)	1 (2)	.108	TMA site	6 (14.3)	.109
9 (18.4)	10 (19.6)	1	Ankle	7 (16.7)	.588
5 (10.2)	2 (3.9)	.264	Lower Leg	5 (11.9)	.202
1 (2.0)	5 (9.8)	.205	BKA, AKA site	1 (2.4)	.202
3 (6.1)	3 (5.9)	1	Knee	3 (7.1)	.616
1 (2)	1 (2)	1	Thigh	0	-
4 (8.2)	0	-	Back / buttock	3 (7.1)	-
3 (6.1)	3 (5.9)	1	Abdomen	2 (4.8)	.676

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Outcomes ITT and PP

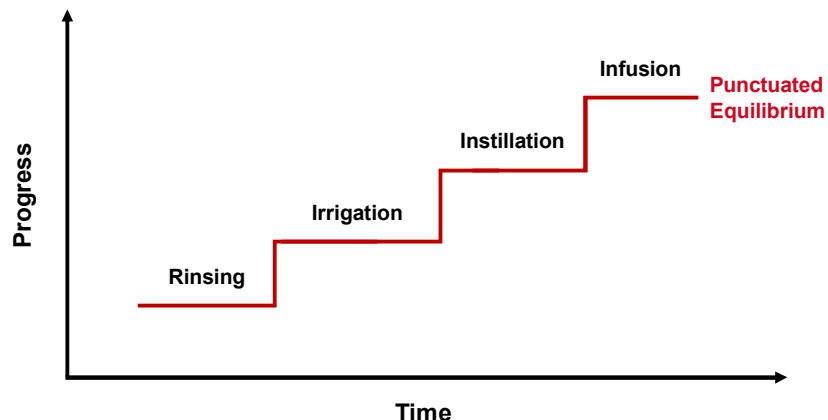
ITT			PP		
NS (%)	PHMB (%)	P	NS (%)	PHMB (%)	P
2.51 ± 0.89	2.75 ± 0.87	.185	NO	2.52 ± 0.92	.193
13.63 ± 11.74	14.51 ± 8.98	.675	LOS	11.74 ± 6.01	.079
5.73 ± 3.75	7.73 ± 5.49	→ .038*	Time to FSP	5.57 ± 3.61	→ .035*
42 (85.7)	47 (92.2)	.352	CC	39 (92.9)	1
34 (69)	33 (65)	.832	F/U CC	32 (82.1)	.895

NO = Number of Operations; FSP = Final Surgical Procedure (Days); CC = Closed, Covered.

*Statistically significant, $P < .04$.

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Evolution



Conclusions

É NPWTi has a role in diabetic foot ulcer treatment

É Currently

- . Adjunct for infection/biofilm clearance

É Future

- . Directly potentiate healing

From Beginning to End: Orc/Collagen Silver and Epidermal Grafting in Managing DFUs

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Proteases in Wound Healing

É Proteases are protein-degrading enzymes

É 2 categories of proteases

- . Serine proteases eg. Elastase
- . Matrix metalloproteases eg. MMPs

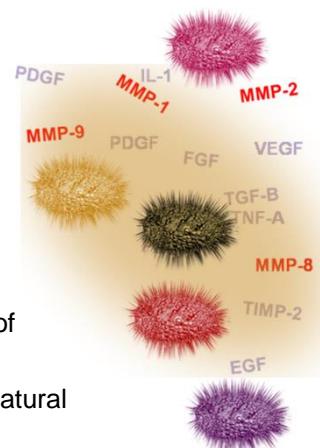
É Function optimally under physiological conditions

É Proteases are required for wound healing

É Collectively, can degrade all components of the extracellular matrix

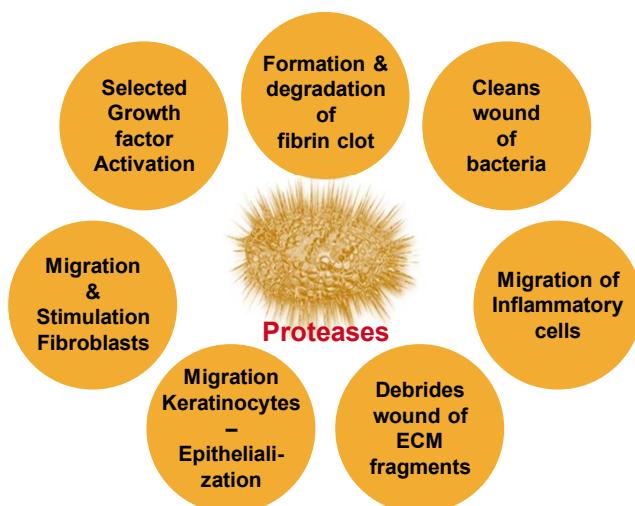
É Normally controlled at the tissue level by natural inhibitors eg, TIMPs, AAT

É Synthesised and stored as inactive pro-enzymes



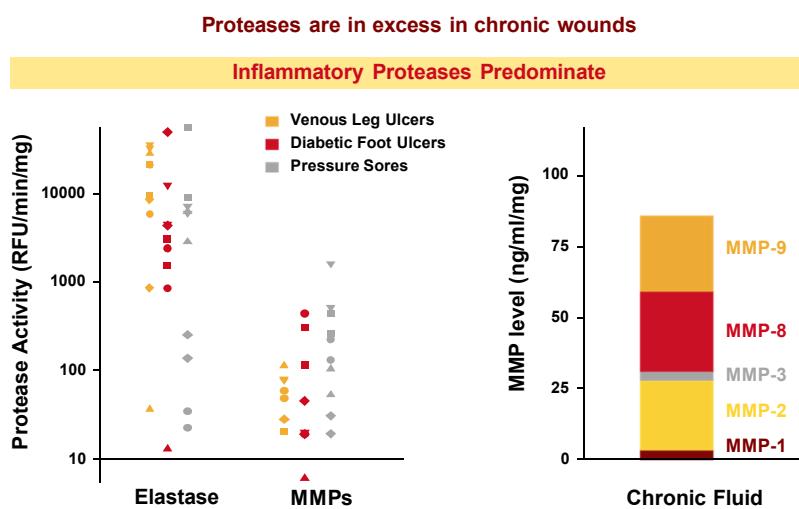
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Proteases in Normal Wound Healing



Nwomeh BC, et al. *Clin Plast Surg.* 1998;25(3):341-356.

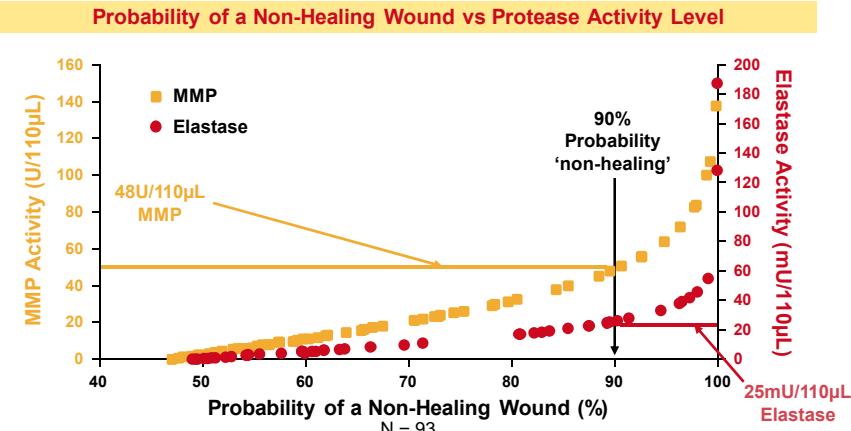
Proteases in Chronic Wounds



Published Data: Cullen B, et al. *Wound Repair Regen.* 2002;10(1):16-25.

Defining EPA Correlation to Healing Status

- Defining “elevated” in EPA through statistical analysis
- A chronic with EPA has a 90% probability it won’t heal (without appropriate intervention)



Serena T, et al. Protease activity levels associated with healing status of chronic wounds. Poster, Wounds UK 2011.

Excessive Proteases in Chronic Wounds

É Numerous studies have found elevated levels of MMPs in chronic wounds:

Venous Leg Ulcers	↑ Collagenase
Wysocki, et al. <i>J Invest Dermatol.</i> 1993;101:64	↑ Gelatinase
Diabetic Foot Ulcers	↑ Elastase
Cullen, et al. <i>Wound Rep Reg.</i> 2002;10:16	↑ Plasmin

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ORC/Collagen

- É 45% ORC
- É 55% collagen- bovine
- É Bioresorbable
- É Open-pored matrix



Hall J. *Podiatry Today*. 2002;15(8):26-30.

Benefits of ORC/Collagen Combination

- É Binds more MMPs than ORC or collagen alone



Cullen B. *Ostomy Wound Manage*. 2002;42(Suppl 6):8-13.

ORC/Collagen

- É Acts by binding and inactivating MMPs
- É ORC stimulates cell proliferation
- É Protects growth factors
- É With or without silver

Cullen B, et al. *Int J Biochem Cell Biol.* 2002;34(12):1544-1556. Cullen B, et al. *Wound Repair Regen.* 2002;10(1):16-25.

Collagen/ORC Clinical Evidence

Evidence – an overview:

7 RCTs - 569 patients

DFUs
3 RCTs

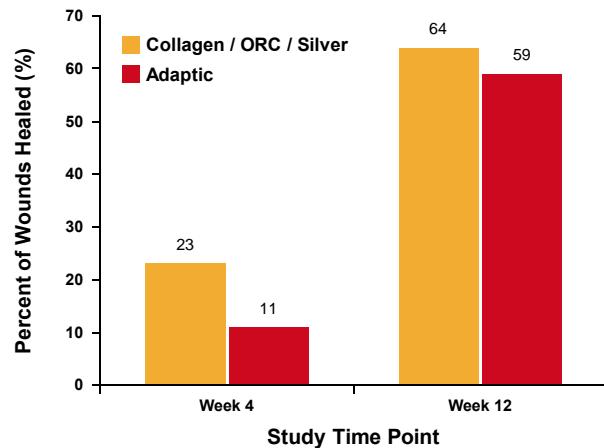
VLU
3 RCTs

PUs
1 RCT

Collagen / ORC:

Author	Wound Type	Endpoint
Wollina, U	VLU	” Reduction in wound size ” Good / excellent healing response
Vin, F	VLU	” Healing rate after 12wks ($P<.0001$)
Lázaro-Martinez, J	DFU	” Complete healing
Vevez, A	DFU	” Complete wound closure ” Increased efficacy for <6 month-old wounds
Nisi, G	PU	” Complete healing

ORC/Collagen/Silver

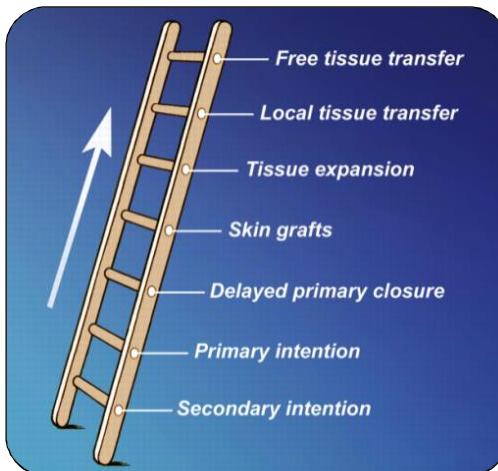


Serena, et al. Submitted to Advances in Skin and Wound Care 2015.

Suction Blister Epidermal Grafting

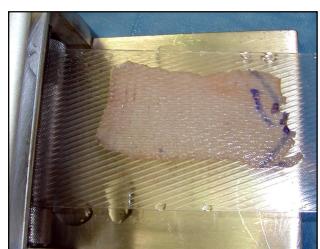
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The Reconstructive Ladder



SmartMD. <http://sackidmd.blogspot.com/2012/05/reconstructive-ladder-or-why-does.html>. Accessed July 21, 2013.

Definitions: Grafting



Autografts

- Transfer skin from one part of the body to another

Allografts

- Skin transplanted from a different body

Xenografts

- Grafts from animal sources

Biologic skin grafts

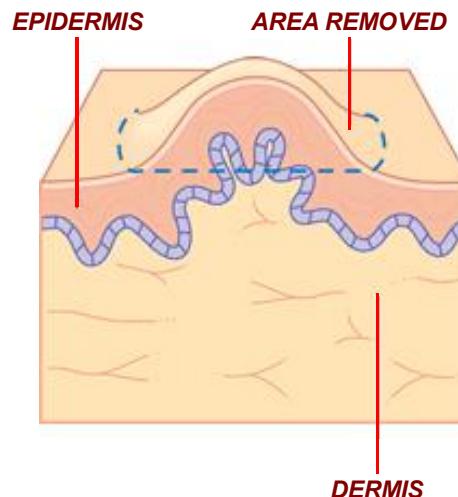
- Combinations of living cells and collagen matrix



Composite grafts

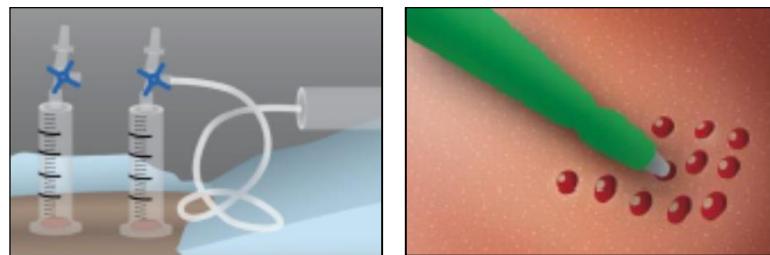
- Contain more than one type of tissue

Epidermal Grafts (%& Pinch Grafts+)



Epidermal Harvesting Techniques

- É Miniature punch grafting
- É Cultured epidermal autografts
- É SBEG



Savant SS. *Indian J Dermatol Venereol Leprol*. 1992;58(5):3130-31344. Gallico CG, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 1984;311(7): 448-451. Falabella R. *Dermatol Surg*. 2005;31(10):1277-1284.

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Rapid Healing of Intractable DFUs with Exposed Bones following a Novel Therapy of Exposing Bone Marrow Cells and Then Grafting Epidermal Sheets

- É A prospective study of 38 patients designed to assess the effectiveness of bone marrow cell exposure and subsequent epidermal grafting in accelerating healing and reducing the need for amputation
- É Intractable DFUs
 - . 18 patients without exposed bone
 - “ 10 patients received epidermal grafts
 - “ 8 patients received standard of care alone
 - . 20 patients with exposed bone
 - “ 11 patients received epidermal grafts
 - “ 9 patients received standard of care alone
- É **Procedure:** Suction blister grafts were harvested from the thigh or abdomen
- É **Results**
 - . Patients with DFUs without exposed bone who received epidermal grafts had shorter healing times compared with the standard of care arm
 - . Patients with DFUs with exposed bone who received epidermal grafts did not require any amputations

DFUs = diabetic foot ulcers.
Yamaguchi Y, et al. *Br J Dermatol.* 2004;151(5):1019-1028.

Results

	SBEG	Standard of Care	P Value
	Time to Healing	Time to Healing	
Patients without Exposed Bone	4.3 ± 0.6 weeks	11.6 ± 3.4 weeks	.42
	Amputations	Amputations	
Patients with Exposed Bone	0 / 11	8 / 9	<.0001

Yamaguchi Y, et al. *Br J Dermatol.* 2004;151(5):1019-1028.

Until 2012 .

- É Epidermal grafting was considered an effective therapy for hypopigmented skin disorders and chronic wounds
- É Harvesting techniques, however, were cumbersome and required considerable time and skill to perform.



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Epidermal Harvesting System Development



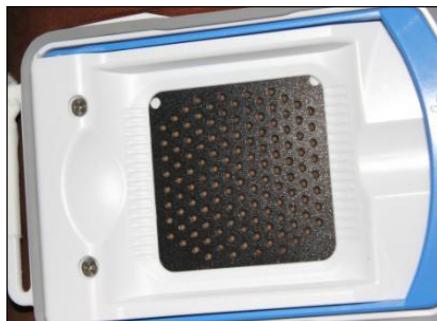
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Epidermal Harvesting System Procedure



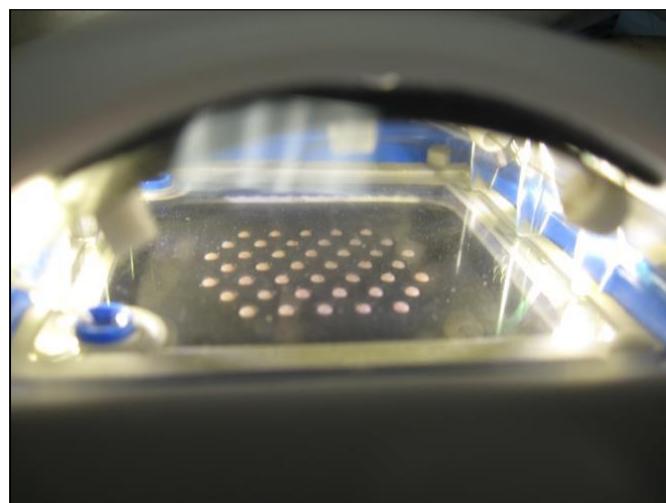
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Device in Place: Skin Heated to 40° C
and Negative Pressure Applied



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Epidermal Grafts Rising



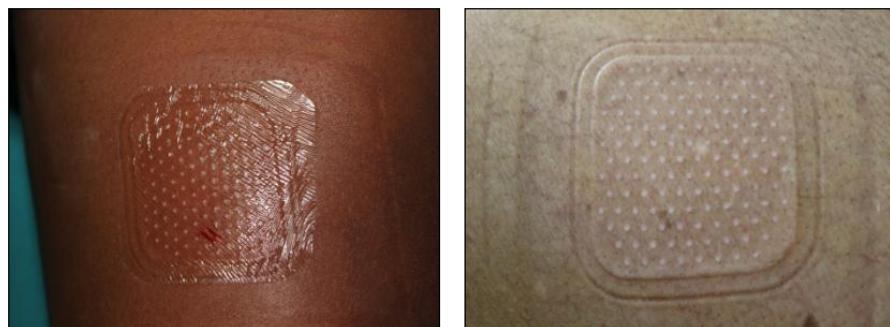
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Epidermal Grafts on Adhesive Foam



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Donor Sites



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Placing and Securing the Dressing on the Wound



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Case Studies

Case Study 1: Diabetic Heel Ulcer



Initial photo



NPWT therapy in place

Wound Bed at Day 4



Using Transparent Dressing for Microdome Acquisition



Days 15 and 18 Post-Grafting



3-Week Follow-Up Postepidermal Graft,
NPWT Therapy, and Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy



8 Week Follow-up



Case Study 2 . Chronic Foot Wound Photo prior to epidermal graft placement



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Follow-up Post Application of Epidermal Graft



Weekly Follow-up



Weekly Follow-up



Follow-up



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