EWMA 2016
Invitation to the Coloplast symposium

Make every day count with the Triangle of Wound Assessment

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Research shows that 70% of wounds are surrounded by unhealthy or problematic skin\(^1\)\(^2\) and both healthcare professionals and patients intuitively view management of the periwound skin as an integral part of wound management.\(^3\) Current wound assessment tools offer a standardised approach to wound assessment, but there is a lack of easy-to-use tools integrating periwound skin assessment with wound assessment.\(^1\) This symposium presents an intuitive wound assessment framework, the Triangle of Wound Assessment, which integrates assessment of periwound skin with assessment of wound bed and wound edge. The session will give practical advice and examples on how to use the Triangle of Wound Assessment to develop management plans taking the wound bed, wound edge and periwound skin into consideration.

The second part of the symposium will review psychological drivers of non-adherence to treatment. Patient perceptions of chronic wounds and emotional responses will be explored and it will be discussed how these can influence quality of life, adherence to treatment and wound healing. Throughout the session, implications for practice will be highlighted and strategies to support open discussions with the patients about adherence will be provided. This patient centred approach will emphasise the importance of listening and tailoring the discussion to the perceptions of the patient, fitting with the holistic assessment, which forms part of the Triangle of Wound Assessment. The session will end with concrete steps to approach unhelpful beliefs and support lifestyle behaviour change.

Session 1: Taking wound assessment beyond the edge with the Triangle of Wound Assessment
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Session 2: Taking practice beyond the edge with the Triangle of Wound Assessment
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Session 3: Patient beliefs, stress and adherence to treatment – implications for practice in wound care
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