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Geriatrics/Psychiatry Wound Care Principals & Considerations



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Goals and Objective

- 1. Discuss Key Wound Healing Clinical Principals.
- 2. Review Critical Elements Involved in Delayed Wound Healing.
- 3. Discuss Wound Management Options specifically related to Geriatric/Psychiatric/ Palliative population.
- 4. Review Variety of Related Wound Cases.

Wound Case

- What's Needed to improve this wound?
- Complete H&P
 - 83 y/o, multiple fall history, A&O x 4, diabetic (HbA1c 8) afib
 - Skin tear 1 week ago
 - Seen in Urgent
 - Cultures negative



SKIN TEARS



Category 1



Category 2



Category 3

GERI SLEEVE





The WOUND



- Wound Defined
 - Disruption of normal anatomic structure and function of skin.
- Wound Healing: Restoration
 - Anatomic continuity
 - Functional restoration





WOUND BED DESCRIPTION



A. Biofilm



C. Normal granular base



B. Slough



D. Hypergranulation

Scope of the Problem

- Venous leg ulcers (VSD)
 - Most common chronic wound
 - 10 times more common than PAOD
 - 2% of Venous Insufficiency pts develop ulcers
 - Affected 1.5% population with 50% having ulcers >10 years
- Pressure ulcers
 - 2.7-29.5% incidence in hospitalized patients
 - 9.2% prevalence
 - Total annual cost exceeds \$6.5 billion

Scope of the Problem

- Diabetic <u>Neuropathic Ulcers</u> and LE Amputations
 - 25 million with DM in US
 - 25% will develop foot ulcer in their lifetime
 - 60% recurrent ulcers
 - 70% of all leg amputations in the diabetic
 - 85% of diabetic amputations preceded by foot ulcers

FOCUS ON THE NEUROPATHY not ONLY GLUCOSE CONTROL



Wound Care Costs

- Estimated \$25 billion spent annually on chronic wounds which affect more than 6.5 million patients in the United States
- >8 million Americans would benefit from specialized wound care services
- Less than 1 million patients treated in a dedicated wound care setting.



Acute vs Chronic Wound

- ACUTE
 - <u>Even distribution of growth</u> <u>factors</u>
 - Upregulated PDGF receptors
 - <u>Limited resistance to</u> infection/bacterial contamination

• CHRONIC

- Fails to proceed in an orderly and timely process to produce anatomic and functional integrity.
- Downregulated PDGF receptors
- <u>Uneven distribution of GFs</u>
- <u>Increased resistance</u> to infection (not DM)

Lazarus GS et al. Arch Dermatology 2012

Local Wound Factors

- Ischemia
- Infection
- <u>Edema</u>
- <u>Scarring</u>
- <u>Radiation injury</u>

- <u>Topical steroids</u>
- Local toxins
- Trauma, pressure
- Foreign bodies
- Local malignancy

Systemic Wound Factors

- <u>DM</u>
- <u>Smoking</u>
- <u>Pain</u>
- Renal failure
- Nutritional deficiencies
- Hereditary disorders
- Alcohol use
- Distant malignancy
- <u>Systemic infections</u>

- Connective Tissue
 Disease
- Immunological disorders
- Chemotherapeutic agents
- Extremes of age
- <u>Systemic steroids</u>
- Hepatic failure

Proinflammatory Contributors

Ongoing bacterial Endotoxin release contamination Increased Inflammatory Repeated trauma response (cytokines) **Increased MMPs** Ischemia Cellular senescence Prolonged Repair

Wound Care 101: What does it encompass?

-Off loading efforts

-Edema control

-Pain control

-Limiting bacterial burden

-Nutrition

-Choosing the right agent

-Optimize vascular status

Wound Case

- What's Needed to improve this wound?
- Complete H&P
 - 85 y/o female with Htn, CAD, dementia
 - Wound for >3 months
 - Afebrile
 - Non-smoker, No Etoh, No IVDA
 - Prealbumin 4
- Standard wound care elements?
 - Interdisciplinary team approach
 - Pressure off-loading (q2h turn, air mattress)
 - Nutrition supplement (?PEG)
 - When would you institute Moist Wound Care?
 - What type of dressing (antimicrobial, barrier)?
 - Surgical vs Enzymatic debridement ?
 - Use of betadine to temporize prior to debridement
 - Role for wound vac?
 - Any role or contraindication to HBO?



Sacral Pressure Injury

Pressure Off-Loading

- Decubitus ulcers
 - Repositioning, mobilization, foam, gel, air mattress (Group 2 Air compression)
 - Avoid ring donut-type cushions (Crewe 1987): causes venous congestion and ulcer formation.
- Plantar foot surface ulcers
 - Complete bed rest
 - Wheel chair confinement
 - Total contact casting
 - Total contact splinting









Wound Case

- What's Needed to improve this wound?
- Complete H&P
 - 75 y/o obese homeless male
 - LLE wound s/p trauma
 - BLE edema, prior LLE DVT and tibial fx
 - Notes BLE pain that wakes him
 - Multiple ER visits for cellulitis
- Standard wound care elements?
 - Edema/ Lymphedema Control
 - Vascular studies (ABI, TCOM, Angio)
 - Vascular Ablation Option
 - Debridement of biofilm
 - Antimicrobial dressing/ Dakins WTD qd
 - Preventative efforts (life long compression stockings/pump, leg level position, weight loss)



Venous Stasis Ulcer

EDEMA CONTROL

- One of the most often neglected interventions
- Stemmer's sign: pinch dorsal toe skin
- Legs level position (Not above level of heart)
- Compression wraps/ Unna boot (If ABI > 0.7)





Edema is Evil- Exacerbation of Tissue



Tissue edema and hypoxia synergize to reduce oxygen delivery and thus utilization.

Leach, RM, Treacher DF, BMJ 1998;317:1370-1373.

BENEFITS OF COMPRESSION

- Edema Reduction
 - Fluid shift into non compressed region
 - <u>Improvement in lymphatic</u> <u>drainage</u>
- Effects on veins
 - Increased venous blood flow velocity
 - <u>Reduction of venous pooling</u>
 - Improved venous pump function
- Effects on microcirculation and cytokines
 - Increase of shear stress
 - <u>Release of anti-inflammatory</u> <u>mediators</u>
- Effects on arterial inflow
 - <u>Increased arterial flow</u> once compression pressure below perfusion pressure





Beidler SK, Douillet CD, Berndt DF, et al. Multiplexed analysis of matrix metalloproteinases in leg ulcer tissue of patients with chronic venous insufficiency before and after compression therapy. Wound Repair Regen 2008; 16:642.

Assess Vascular Supply

- Types of studies (ABI, angiograms)
- Arterial Duplex Evaluation
- TCOMs/ Sensilase Testing
- Optimize wound hypoxia/ Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT)



TYPES OF COMPRESSION

- Garments/ hosiery stockings
- Devices/ pumps for mechanical compress
- Elastic/ Inelastic (Unna boot)
- Single layer/ Multilayer (Profore)





- Systematic reviews/meta-analyses of randomized trials <u>sound</u> that <u>adding a component of elastic compression therapy results in faster</u> <u>ulcer healing</u> compared with inelastic compression therapy alone.
- <u>High compression appears to be more effective</u> compared with low compression, and <u>multilayer bandages are more effective</u> for achieving the desired level of compression.

Mauck KF, Asi N, Elraiyah TA, et al. Comparative systematic review and meta-analysis of compression modalities for the promotion of venous ulcer healing and reducing ulcer recurrence. J Vasc Surg 2014; 60:71S.

COMPRESSION

- Level of pain
- Presence, condition, size of the venous ulcer
- Logistics related to type and frequency of dressing changes
- Patient compliance
- Local use and expertise
- Availability of resources (Home Healthcare, Non-physician specialists who can apply and reapply complex bandaging systems).

UNNA BOOT THERAPY

Inelastic compression therapy provides <u>best compression</u>
 <u>no resting pressure</u>



Unna boot is the most common method of inelastic compression therapy
 -single-component moist bandage that is impregnated with calamine or
 zinc oxide (+/- glycerin)
 -hardens after application.



IRESSIN

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CONTRAINDICATIONS

- Peripheral artery disease (PAD) Prior to compression, confirm absence of critical ischemia
 -Do a Peripheral Vascular Exam: maintain low threshold for arterial testing/ ABI
 -In diabetics, consider toe pressure (TBI> 0.6) or bilateral arterial duplex
 (potential for falsely elevated ABIs related to medial calcinosis).
 -ABI ≤0.5 proposed as an absolute contraindication to compression therapy.
- Study evaluated compression therapy in 25 patients with mixed ulcers found that <u>arterial perfusion was not impeded</u> <u>with INELASTIC compression up to 40 mmHg</u>, provided the ABI was >0.5 and the absolute ankle pressure was >60 mmHg.
- Superficial or deep vein thrombosis (DVT) Caution regarding use of compression therapy in the setting of suspected or known acute lower extremity venous thrombosis.
- Heart failure <u>Be careful</u> of fluid volume shifts affecting cardiac function.

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LIFE LONG COMPRESSION

- Compression stockings (If ABI > 0.7)
- External sequential compression pumps





Debridement

- Transform CHRONIC to ACUTE
- Minimize biofilm
- Types of debridement
 - Autolytic
 - Enzymatic (fast acting, need secondary dsg, costly)
 - Biologic (maggot)
 - Surgical Sharp debridement
 - Topical Lidocaine (EMLA 2.5 5%: Seran wrap)
 - Mechanical debridement:
 - Whirl pool (maceration risk)
 - Pulsed lavage (site specific)
 - Wet to dry (>70% necrotic tissue, painful: avoid moistening when removing)









Rodeheaver G, et al. Wound Healing and Wound Management. Adv Wd Care. Jan. 2011

Enzymatic Debridement Agents

Collagenase
 – Santyl





• Papain-urea

– Accuzyme, Gladase, Kovia



- Papain-urea with Chlorophyllin Copper
 - Panafil/Zioxx



Choosing Wound Agents

- Evolution of Wound Agents
 - Ancient Greece
 - Cleanse, apply animal fat, wrap
 - Roman Empire
 - Cleanse, apply ashes, oil, herbs, and wrap
 - Middle Ages
 - Wax plus herbs or boiling oil
 - 1800s
 - Heat or ice
 - Early 1900s
 - Expose wound, apply tannic acid or variety of pigments to dry wound
 - 1950-present
 - Topical antibiotic
 - 1960-present
 - Moist wound healing approach
 - Nutrition status
 - Rapid wound closure with surgery



<u>Achilles</u> binding the wounds of his friend <u>Patroclos</u>, from a c. 500 BC

Moist Wound Environment

- Epithelialization
 - Keratinocyte proliferation
 - Keratinocyte migration
 - Keratinocyte differentiation

- Fibroplasia
 - Fibroblast proliferation
 - Collagen matrix synthesis

- Angiogenesis
 - Endothelial cell proliferation
 - New blood vessel formation





Antimicrobial Agents



- Iodine-releasing agent
 - Iodosorb/Iodoflex
 - Some formulations have been shown to impede normal wound healing (in vitro)
 - Need concentration >1%
 - Cadexomer iodine preparations are safe, economical, and broadly effective



- DAKIN's Solution
- Acetic Acid

Drosou A, et al. Wounds. 2003;15:149-165 Wright JB, et al. Wound Rep Reg 2002:10:141-151

- Silver-releasing agent
 - Silver sulfadiazine (1%) widely used.
 - Newer ionic silver
 dressings may have
 dual efficacy
 - Acticoat/ Aquacel Ag
 - Antibacterial, antifungal
 - Reduction of MMP activity in Chronic Wound

Antimicrobial Coverage

• Mupirocin (Bactroban)

Mupirocin, Antibacterial Activity & Uses

- * Antibacterial Activity
 - Mupirocin is active against many gram-positive and selected gram-negative bacteria
 - It has good activity with MICs of <1 µg/ml against Streptococcus pyogenes and methicillin-susceptible and methicillin-resistant strains of S. aureus
 - > It is bactericidal at concentrations achieved with topical application
 - Mupirocin cannot be used for extended periods of time, or indiscriminately, as resistance does develop, and could, if it becomes widespread, destroy mupirocin's value as a treatment for MRSA

Uses

- Mupirocin is available as a 2% cream and ointment for dermatologic use and as a 2% ointment for intranasal use
 - The dermatologic preparations are indicated for treatment of traumatic skin lesions and impetigo secondarily infected with S. aureus or S. pyogenes
 - The nasal ointment is approved for eradication of S. aureus nasal carriage. Mupirocin is highly effective in eradicating S. aureus carriage
 - Mupirocin is currently the world's most widely used topical antibiotic for the control of MRSA

Xeroform (Bismuth)

Advanced Materials and their Applications - Micro to nano scale

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Antimicrobial and Antibiofilm Activities of a Bismuth Lipophilic Nanoparticles Hydrogel against Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus biofilm

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SKIN CANCER DETECTION

- Diabetic Neuropathic Ulcers and LE Amputations
 - Most common risk factor for both non-melanoma and melanoma skin cancer is chronic UV light exposure
 - Skin cancer can mimic appearance of chronic wound
- Consider Wound Biopsy if:
 - Wound cause <u>uncertain</u>
 - Wound at <u>post surgical site for malignancy</u> (mastectomy incision line)
 - Skin subject to long standing chronic inflammation.



Advanced Adjunctive Modalities

- Negative Pressure Wound VAC therapy
 - Promote granulation tissue formation
 - Avoid on bone/ tendon/ prior malignancy wounds
- Cellularized Tissue products
 - Optimize growth factor availability for healing
- Human Cadaver Scaffold grafts
 - Provide wound healing scaffold
- Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy(HBOT)
 - Stimulate angiogenesis, fibroplasia
 - Down regulate inflammation, infection.









Wound Case : Chronic Calvarium Exposure



Wound Case : Palliative Basal Cell Carcinoma

- H&P
 - 68 y/o female
 w/basal cell on
 forehead
 - No medical care for over 10 years







 Compliance issues with Dakin's WTD

Used
 Oregano/Essential
 Oils





Wound Case : Forehead flap

- H&P
 - 79 y/o female
 - S/P multiple nasal cell basal cell ca rxn
 - Prior failed STSG
- Following forehead flap w/ischemic changes
 - Sent to HBOT POD #5







Weekly Dressing Change Preferred

















Wound Case : Papillomatosis







Topical Selenium Sulfide for the Treatment of Hyperkeratosis 2018 Dec;8(4):639-646. <u>Philip R Cohen¹, Caesar A Anderson²</u>



Delusional Parasitosis









Thank You



Wound Case : Necrotic Diabetic Toe Ulcer

- H&P
 - 73 y/o diabetic male
 - HbA1C 10
 - Chronic wound >4 weeks
 - Refused amputation



PAY YOUR DUES: OXYGENATE

- S/P 5 HBOT
 - Serial Targeted Debridement
 - Continue to oxygenate
 - Wait for window for skin coverage



Re-necrosis



GAME OVER

- HBOT facilitates demarcation
 - Continue serial targeted debridement
 - Continue to oxygenate
 - Wait for window for skin coverage







