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Experiences in using polihexanide containing wound products in the management of chronic wounds – results of a methodical and retrospective analysis of 953 cases

Moeller A, Nolte A, Kaehn K. Wundmanagement 2008;3:112 –117.

Objective

The objective of this retrospective analysis was to assess the healing process of chronic and poorly healing wounds after the introduction of Prontosan® Wound Irrigation Solution and Prontosan® Gel to the standard of care at a municipal hospital in Germany.

Methods

The following interventions were added to standard wounds care: routine irrigation of the wound with Prontosan® Wound Irrigation Solution at every dressing changes and the additional application of Prontosan® Wound Gel to every wound if there was no or only moderate exudation. Two years after the implementation of Prontosan®, the charts of 953 patients were retrospectively analyzed.

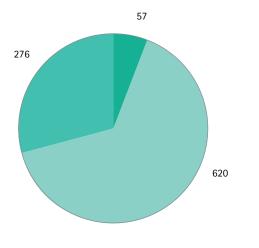
Results

In 80% of the wounds with improved findings, wound closure could be achieved with the combination therapy. Almost two thirds of the patients (620/953) found a great to complete reduction or improvement in odour. In 29 cases (3%) a first or renewed wound infection developed after the beginning of treatment. Only 1% of the treated patients reported a slight burning sensation, 99% had no pain or discomfort.

Conclusion

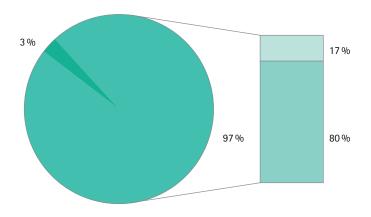
On the basis of the evaluated retrospective data it was decided to continue with the use of Prontosan® Wound Irrigation Solution and Prontosan® Wound Gel for the treatment of chronic wounds at the Municipal Hospital Bielefeld Mitte in Germany.

Evaluation of wound odour reduction by patients.



- Total or considerable reduction in wound odour
- Minimal reduction in wound odour
- No reduction in wound odour

Wound healing progress (n=953).



- Findings unchanged or deteriorated
- Good cleansing results and improved findings
- With wound closure
- Without wound closure

