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Use of the T.I.M.E. clinical decision support tool (CDST) by non-wound care specialists promoted a consistent holistic wound management approach

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Overview

- The T.I.M.E. CDST was used by five Danish nurses with no specific wound care training, alongside local protocols and guidelines, to guide wound bed preparation
- Patients with chronic wounds were monitored and reviewed for up to one month; wound healing parameters were recorded

Results

- Five patient cases (Table) demonstrated that use of the T.I.M.E. CDST helped to guide:
 - Wound bed preparation
 - Dressing selection
 - Chronic wound management
- Use of the T.I.M.E. CDST increased the confidence of less experienced clinicians with:
 - Decision making
 - Dressing selection
 - When to refer

Table. Wound outcomes using the T.I.M.E. CDST

Patient	Wound type	Outcome using the T.I.M.E. CDST
Male, aged 74 years	Pressure ulcer	Structured wound management and guided dressing selection
Female, aged 86 years	Vasculitic wound	Formation of healthy granulation tissue and reduced pain
Male, aged 74 years	Venous leg ulcer	Aided communication between clinicians
Female, aged 73 years	Diabetic foot ulcer	Facilitated consistent wound treatment
Female, aged 73 years	Venous leg ulcer	Promoted consistent wound treatment, reduced variation

Conclusions

Use of the T.I.M.E. CDST by non-wound care specialists helped to promote consistent holistic wound management and reduce variation in practice. It also improved confidence in clinical decision making and reduced the need for specialist advice.

Citation

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