

T.I.M.E. (Tissue, Inflammation, Moisture, Edge) is the most frequently used wound assessment tool according to a survey of attendees at the European Wound Management Association (EWMA) meeting in 2018

Yet ~40% of wound care specialists do not routinely use wound assessment tools and there is considerable variability in clinical practice



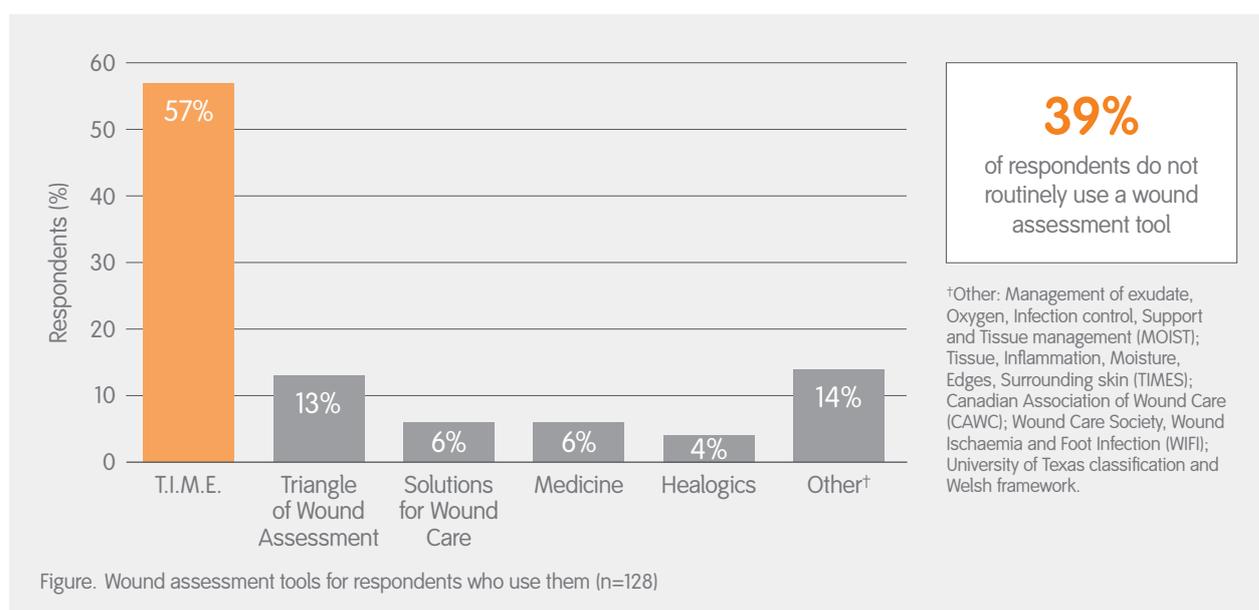
Study overview

- A survey of delegates from 52 countries attending the EWMA annual meeting (2018) to explore current standard wound care practice and use of wound assessment frameworks
- In total, 250 wound care specialists responded to the survey and 196 answered all questions in full
 - Multiple answers were possible for some questions
- Most respondents were from Europe (68%) or Asia (23%) and nearly 75% (n=186) were responsible for the clinical management of patients



Key results

- T.I.M.E. was the most frequently used wound assessment tool (Figure); however, several respondents did not routinely use wound assessment tools
- 'Wound condition/description', 'wound surface area and variation', and 'dressing used' were the most consistently documented practices in the management of wounds
- Wound size (43%) and wound bed status (28%) were the key measurements most frequently used to assess wound healing
- Time to referral and time to change treatment were highly variable (0 days to ≥ 2 months)



Evidence in focus (continued)



Conclusion

T.I.M.E. was the most frequently used tool of the various wound assessment frameworks available to wound care specialists from the countries represented in this survey. However, results showed considerable variability in clinical practice for wound care, including time to referral and time to change treatment.



Considerations

- The authors concluded that wound assessment tools should be easy to use, teach and implement, as well as provide simple and consistent guidance about the wound assessment and reassessment process



Study citation

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