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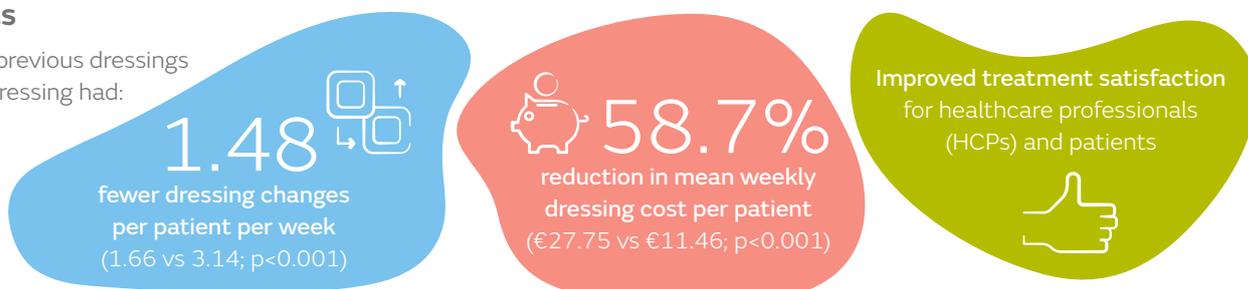
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Switching to ALLEVYN<sup>®</sup> LIFE Foam Dressing from previous dressings helped to significantly reduce dressing change frequency and weekly dressing costs as well as improve treatment satisfaction in a community setting

### + Plus points

Compared with previous dressings ALLEVYN LIFE Dressing had:

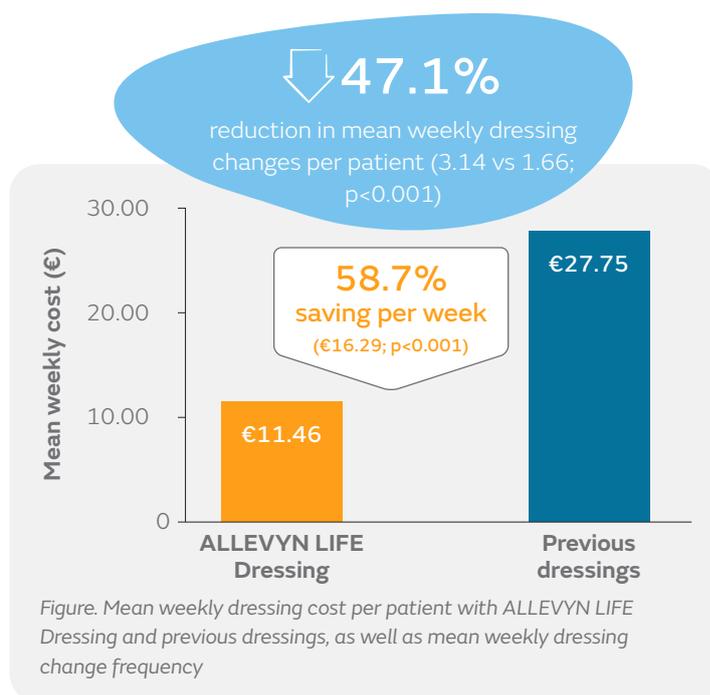


### Overview

- An ambispective (retrospective and prospective) observational study conducted at 24 primary care centres and six nursing homes in Spain (community setting)
- ALLEVYN LIFE Dressing was used as either the primary (35.2%) or secondary (64.8%) dressing for 4 weeks instead of the previous dressings (foams, 42.0%; gelling fibres, 21.0%)
- 94 patients with 128 wounds were included and most were aged >70 years (75.8%)
- The most common wounds were leg ulcers (39.8%) or pressure ulcers (31.3%); 25% of all wounds were >12 months in duration

### Results

- At week 4, compared with previous dressings, ALLEVYN LIFE Dressing helped to significantly reduce:
  - Mean weekly dressing change frequency by 47.1% (Figure;  $p < 0.001$ )
    - Dressing changes for 'routine change', 'dressing saturated' or 'stained' were reduced by 50%
  - Mean weekly dressing costs by 58.7% (Figure;  $p < 0.001$ )
- Mean wound area was reduced with use of ALLEVYN LIFE Dressing by 28.3% from 9.9cm<sup>2</sup> at baseline to 7.1cm<sup>2</sup> ( $p < 0.001$ )
  - Wound area reduced in 68.3% of wounds (>30% for 85.9% of wounds)
- Most HCPs agreed that ALLEVYN LIFE Dressing was better than previous dressings for assessed characteristics (mean 69%; 7 characteristics)
- Patient satisfaction with overall wound care experience (44.7%), exudate control (46.1%) and comfort (47.0%) improved (from very poor/poor/average to good/very good) with ALLEVYN LIFE Dressing compared with previous dressings



### Conclusions

Use of ALLEVYN LIFE Dressing in a community setting helped to significantly reduce the frequency of dressing changes and dressing costs compared with previous dressings, as well as improve HCP and patient satisfaction.

### Citation

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