

Patient ratings of ALLEVYN[®] Wound Dressings for the management of acute and chronic wounds

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Key points

94% of patients rated ALLEVYN Dressings as **acceptable** for the wound type

89% of patients had **no periwound complications** at dressing removal

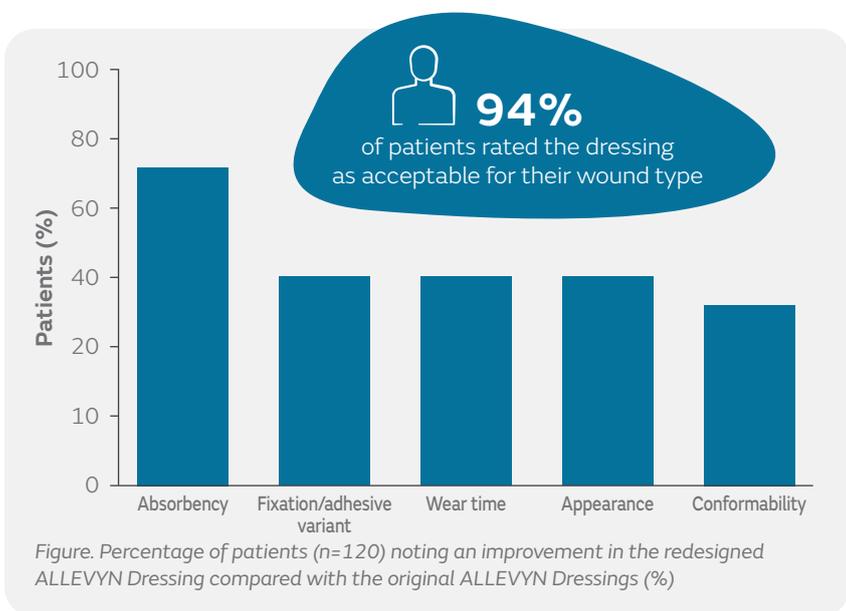
Improved absorbency with the enhanced ALLEVYN Dressing reported by 72% of patients (versus the original ALLEVYN Dressing)

Overview

- A study of 120 patients who were asked to evaluate the performance of four technically enhanced ALLEVYN Dressings versus the original version of the ALLEVYN Dressing
 - ALLEVYN Dressings had been redesigned to improve fluid uptake and transpiration of absorbed fluid
- Patients with acute and chronic wounds (low to heavily exuding) rated appearance, conformability, dressing fixation, absorbency and wear time of the enhanced dressings
- Dressings evaluated were:
 - ALLEVYN ADHESIVE Foam Dressing
 - ALLEVYN ADHESIVE SACRUM Foam Dressing
 - ALLEVYN NON-ADHESIVE Foam Dressing
 - ALLEVYN LITE Foam Dressing

Results

- The majority of patients (94%) rated the redesigned ALLEVYN Dressings as acceptable for their wound type (Figure)
- Most patients (72%) rated the absorbency of the redesigned ALLEVYN Dressings as better than the original ALLEVYN Dressings (Figure)
 - Some patients also reported improvements in wear time, fixation/adherence, appearance and conformability
- Most patients (89%) had no periwound complications at dressing removal
- For 94% of 386 dressing changes no wound bed complications were reported
 - No severe complications to the wound bed at dressing change were reported



Conclusions

Patient acceptability of ALLEVYN Foam Dressings for their wound type was high compared with the original ALLEVYN Dressings; the authors noted that the improvements in absorbency resulted in high ratings for wear time, appearance and fixation, which may lead to a reduction in dressing change frequency.

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