

CLINICAL SUMMARY

Title:	Evaluation of a hydrocellular dressing on the management of exuding wounds in the community
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Objective:	The aim of this evaluation was to assess the performance and acceptability of a hydrocellular dressing in the management of exuding wounds in the community setting.
Methods:	<p>Non-comparative clinical evaluation conducted across 8 community health centres in the UK. 81 patients were recruited with leg ulcers, stage 2 or 3 pressure ulcers, minor burns or postoperative wounds that in the opinion of the treating nurse would have been routinely treated in this setting.</p> <p>Subjects remained in the study for 6 weeks or until the wound healed or they withdrew because of an adverse event or non-compliance to the treatment protocol.</p> <p>Nurses were instructed that they could use the dressing in conjunction with compression therapy when required.</p>
Main results:	<p>In 90% of cases the dressing was judged to be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Easy to apply and remove ● Conformable to the affected site ● Comfortable for the patient <p>The dressing was reported to have excellent, good or reasonable absorptive capacity in the majority of wounds that were deemed to be exuding copiously or moderately.</p> <p>The mean wear time of the dressing was 3.9 days, extending to 4.5 days in slightly exuding wounds. The durability of the dressing was deemed by the authors to be a key benefit for ALLEVYN in community use.</p>
Conclusion:	<p>ALLEVYN Non-Adhesive fulfills many of the characteristics of an ideal dressing including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ease of use ● Good conformability to awkward locations ● The capacity for atraumatic removal ● Good durability and ability to handle exudate

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