
A Kick Start to Healing

Acute venous ulcer

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Introduction

This case study shows the use of bagged larvae on an acute sloughy venous ulcer on the dorsum of left foot.

History

The patient was a 68-year-old male rheumatoid arthritic who twelve years previously had sustained a wound from his dog standing on his foot that eventually progressed into chronic venous ulceration. The District Nurse utilising many different products had subsequently treated the ulcers. He was eventually referred for vascular assessment. This consisted of non-invasive investigation, including several venous duplex scans and ankle brachial pressure measurements. He also had a sclerotherapy procedure.

He was admitted to Northampton General Hospital for larvae treatment to the forefoot, which was suggested by the patient himself.

Treatment

The use of bagged larvae was discussed with the patient. This was then ordered and applied according to the instructions supplied. The secondary dressing was checked and changed as was appropriate. The bagged larvae were removed after 5 days.

Outcome

The wound area was clean, healthy and slough free.



01: Before treatment



02: After treatment