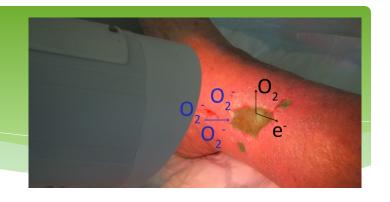
CAN WMCS (<u>wireless microcurrent stimulation</u>) IMPROVE THE TREATMENT OF CHRONIC WOUNDS?

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Effectiveness



- * Electric stimulation (ES) is the only methode of treatment of chronic wounds with the highest grade of evidence (level Ia).
- * As before ES was performed by applying dressing electrodes with cables and a DC- device.
- * With the **WMCS-therapy** the well-known positive effects of the ES are produced by using a **radiation source without any direct contact to the patient**
- * The present applied physical laws are well-known ("plateout-effect").

Advantages of WMCS-therapy

- * Noninvasive
- * Painfree
- * Device easy to transport
- * Device easy to handle
- * First device for treatment of burns
- * Electrostimulation with highest grade of evidence (Ia)



Technique

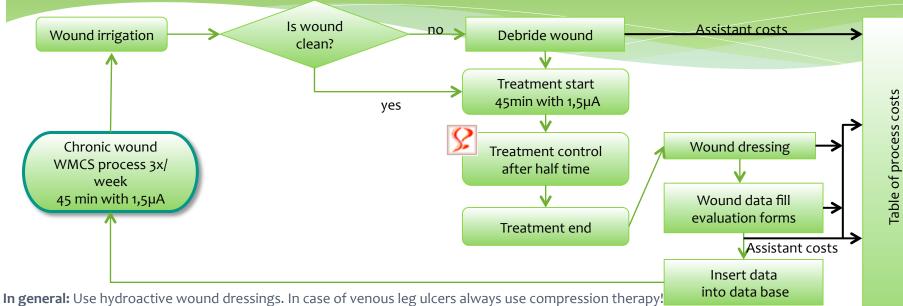




child 3y., ♀, burns °IIa-b - 3 days after WMCS

- * The in Europe and Asia in burns already very successful used WMCS-method is demonstrated on the bases of 3 out of 28 patients with nonhealing leg ulcers of different genesis or diabetic foot syndrome (dfs).
- * The duration of the WMCS-sessions are 45-60 minutes (2-3x/week) over a time period of 3 weeks to 3 month, with an intensity of current of 1,5µA.
- * Sterile gauze was used most as wound dressing.

Treatment algorithm of chronic wounds with WMCS-therapy

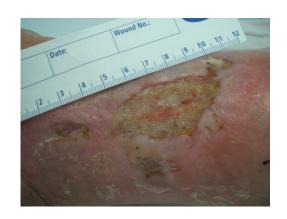


Do not use silver dressings or advanced wound therapeutics (growth factors, protease modulating matrix dressings, ...).

Before starting first WMCS-therapy: Examine and treat the cause of wound. Manage the pain.

Examine the periwound skin. Take a swab (for obtaining a wound culture). Examine wound exudate.

Pat. 1, 3, 84 years, peripher and stage IV



* Treatment start fibrin coverings, four ulcers



* After 3 weeks explicit cleaning and reduction of all ulcers



* After 10 weeks three ulcers healed, one ulcer 50% reduced

Pat. 2, 6,74 years, diabetic foot



 Treatment start woundarea 170 mm²



* After 7 weeks woundarea 150 mm² Total decompression not possible!



* After 12 weeks woundarea 120mm²

Pat. 3, \updownarrow , 75 years, mixed leg ulcer



* Treatment start



* After 2 weeks woundarea 50% reduced



 After 5 weeks wound almost healed

Summary

- * Even after one week, latest after 3 weeks, a clear progression of wound healing respectively a replacement of woundhealing with an extensive reduction of the woundarea in all patients is to be seen.
- * It is shown, that even in selected worst cases and in so-called "non treatable patients" a positive influence on the wound healing is reached with the WMCS-therapy.
- * Side effects or **complications did not appear** according to the selection of the patients (no WMCS-therapy in highly acute infected wounds)
- * An improvement or faster healing of non healing wounds by using the WMCS-method seems possible.
 - → further examinations and comparative controlled studies are necessary to affirme this declaration.