

Innovative System Addresses the Need for a Non-adherent Retention Bandage



Patient utilizing Action Bandage for retention over Negative Pressure Wound Therapy system.

Addressing the need for retention in patients with fragile skin or with wounds located in difficult areas is a challenge for clinicians.

Action Bandage provides a non-adherent, versatile option for dressing retention.

Action Bandage is cost effective due to its ability to be reused after proper cleansing for individual patients. It is also able to be placed in multiple locations, including: lower and upper extremities; over hand wounds; and head wounds.

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Innovative System for Prevention of Skin Tears in Institutionalized Adults

Novel Dressing System in Use as Preventative Device



20 institutionalized elderly patients were enrolled in a 6 week trial to determine if a new dressing system was a viable option for prevention of skin tears. Half of the patients utilized the new dressing system and half wore other types of protective devices. Mid-way through the trials, the patients were changed to the alternate device, as a control measure.

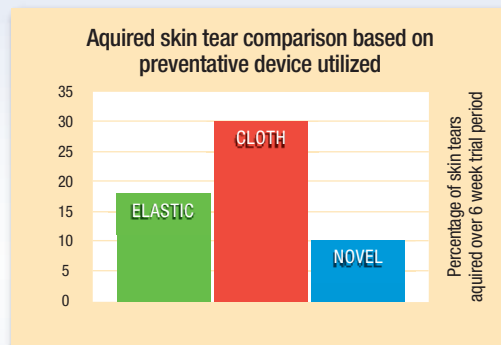
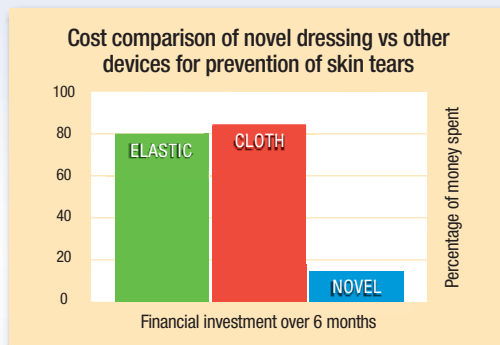


The trial group (wearing the new dressing system), in both 3 week sections of the trial, sustained 38% less skin tears than did the control group wearing alternate devices.

Epidemiology of Skin Tears

In the United States, reports show that 1.5 million skin tears occur each year in institutionalized adults. Prevention of skin breakdown and protection of fragile tissue are common challenges for clinicians when dealing with various types of wounds and ulcers.

Skin tears are traumatic wounds resulting from the separation of the epidermis from the dermis; skin tears may be partial or full thickness; they are painful, may lead to infection and increase caregiver time and facility costs.



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