

WOUND HEALING AND ELDERLY PATIENTS IN A FRENCH TEACHING HOSPITAL

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Elderly people frequently have wounds like pressure ulcers or legs ulcers. These occur especially in frail elderly. Nurses and physicians need trainings and guidelines for wounds treatment. In our hospital, we have created a discussion group with nurses, dieticians, surgeons, dermatologists and geriatricians. We have elaborated a protocol for prevention and treatment. We use risk scales like Norton and Waterloo to detect risk patients and to prepare a decision tree for choosing adapted bed support surfaces. The protocol explains wounds stages, different dressings and their use. We also take care of nutrition and pain. The protocol can be consult over our intranet and an explanatory booklet is given to nurses. We organize training sessions every year for new nurses. There are wounds healing referents which are call for difficult wounds. These auxiliary nursing staff have received special training: an university degree: DU Wounds and wounds healing and they take part to congress like CPC.