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Abstract

Can Velcro Wrap systems really replace compression bandaging? The reality for Clinicians and patients

Velcro Wrap Systems (VWS) have been available since the early 1990's. Understanding the use and appropriate application has led clinicians to consider their use in other fields of healthcare. Originally promoted to manage lymphoedema, their properties have shown beneficial results in managing venous disease. Understanding the properties of the materials, how to apply them, what pressures they deliver, how they respond on different tissue types and what the current published literature demonstrates are covered in this presentation. Considering the socio-economic factors of managing both chronic oedema and venous disease helps to decipher whether VWS can replace compression bandaging. Perspectives from both the patient and the clinician are explored using a short case-study.

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