# Title:
Evaluation of a hydrocellular dressing on the management of exuding wounds in the community

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<th>Kurring PA, Roberts CD and Quinlan D. (1994) British Journal of Nursing. 3(20) 1049-1053</th>
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<td>Objective:</td>
<td>The aim of this evaluation was to assess the performance and acceptability of a hydrocellular dressing in the management of exuding wounds in the community setting.</td>
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<td>Methods:</td>
<td>Non-comparative clinical evaluation conducted across 8 community health centres in the UK. 81 patients were recruited with leg ulcers, stage 2 or 3 pressure ulcers, minor burns or postoperative wounds that in the opinion of the treating nurse would have been routinely treated in this setting. Subjects remained in the study for 6 weeks or until the wound healed or they withdrew because of an adverse event or non-compliance to the treatment protocol. Nurses were instructed that they could use the dressing in conjunction with compression therapy when required.</td>
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| Main results:       | In 90% of cases the dressing was judged to be:  
  - Easy to apply and remove  
  - Conformable to the affected site  
  - Comfortable for the patient  
  The dressing was reported to have excellent, good or reasonable absorptive capacity in the majority of wounds that were deemed to be exuding copiously or moderately.  
  The mean wear time of the dressing was 3.9 days, extending to 4.5 days in slightly exuding wounds. The durability of the dressing was deemed by the authors to be a key benefit for ALLEVYN in community use. |
| Conclusion:         | ALLEVYN Non-Adhesive fulfills many of the characteristics of an ideal dressing including:  
  - Ease of use  
  - Good conformability to awkward locations  
  - The capacity for atraumatic removal  
  - Good durability and ability to handle exudate  

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