

Treatment of a venous leg ulcer with ALLEVYN Life

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A 42-year-old patient with a history of intravenous drug use presented with a left lateral lower leg venous ulcer. The ulcer had heavy purulent exudate, with an offensive odour and pain on dressing removal. Investigations revealed an ankle brachial pressure index (ABPI) of 1.1 and a toe brachial index (TBI) of 110mmHg.

ALLEVYN Life was initially applied three times per week, then reduced to twice per week. Class 2 compression stockings were applied with fortnightly clinic visits and the patient attended her own dressings at home between clinic visits.

After three weeks of ALLEVYN Life the ulcer had reduced in size (Fig 1-3). The patient found the dressings comfortable with excellent conformability to the lower leg and minimal pain on dressing removal. The patient was happy to continue with the dressings until the wound healed.



Fig 1. Day 1 before the first ALLEVYN Life application



Fig 2. Ulcer at day 28



Fig 3. ALLEVYN Life *in-situ*