

## + Evidence in focus

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Introducing ALLEVYN<sup>◇</sup> LIFE Foam Dressing in a community wound care setting reduced mean dressing change frequency and weekly dressing costs compared with previous dressings and was highly rated by clinicians

### + Plus points

Compared with previous dressings, ALLEVYN LIFE Dressing had:

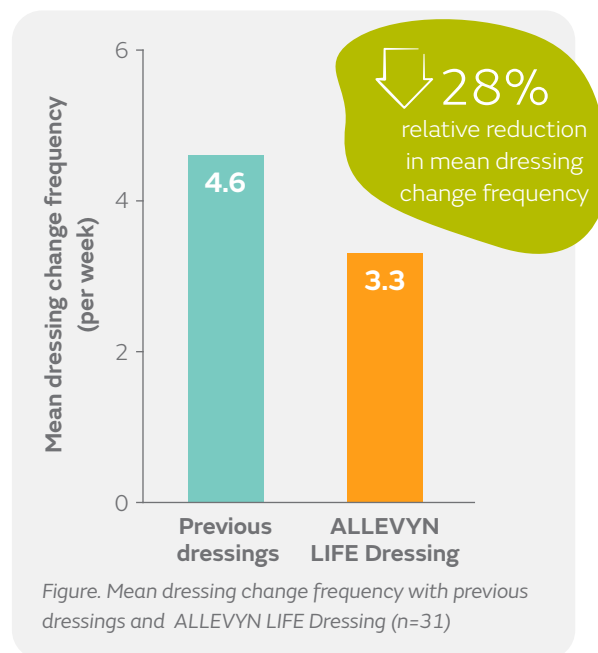


### Overview

- Audit of resources used over four months by two community wound care providers in Germany following introduction of ALLEVYN LIFE Dressing
  - Clinicians received product training and education prior to use
  - A maximum of four dressing changes were conducted using ALLEVYN LIFE Dressing (140 dressing changes)
- In total, 35 patients were included; most were aged >60 years (74.3%)
  - Four patients were excluded due to missing wear time data
- The most common wounds were diabetic foot ulcers (20.0%), venous leg ulcers (31.4%) and pressure ulcers (28.6%)
  - Most wounds (>75%) were <10cm<sup>2</sup>

### Results

- Compared with previous dressings, the introduction of ALLEVYN LIFE Dressing helped to:
  - Reduce mean weekly dressing change frequency by 1.3 per week (Figure)
  - Decrease the mean weekly costs of dressings per wound by 23% (from €45.81 to €35.46)
  - Simplify and rationalise possible dressing combinations (from nine to four)
  - Increase mean wear time by 0.46 days
- Clinicians rated ALLEVYN LIFE Dressing as better than previous dressings for ease of use (96.8%), adhesion (90.3%), wear time (90.3%) and overall performance (96.8%) in 35 wounds; 93.1% would recommend its use (for 27 of 29 wounds)
- Decreases in wound size, exudate level and odour were reported for most patients with ALLEVYN LIFE Dressing compared with previous dressings



### Conclusions

Introduction of ALLEVYN LIFE Dressing in a community wound care setting reduced mean dressing change frequency and dressing costs compared with previous dressings; most clinicians rated it better than previous dressings and recommended its use.

### Citation

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