T.I.M.E. clinical decision support tool (CDST) provided a structured wound management approach and encouraged consistency of care in survey feedback from non-specialists treating wounds

**Plus points**

- Consistent positive response to use of the T.I.M.E. CDST
- "I feel I am better able to identify non-viable tissue or presence of infection without the need of consultant review"

**Overview**

- A study to assess use of the T.I.M.E. CDST by 20 non-specialists treating wounds at four centres (one each in Canada and Denmark; two in Australia)
- Responses to a questionnaire (seven items; five-point scale) were collected weekly, for four weeks, from start of treatment using the tool
  - Mean sum response score was calculated to rate use of the T.I.M.E. CDST
- The questionnaire assessed the effects of using the T.I.M.E. CDST on:
  - Confidence and need for assistance
  - Use of formulary products
  - Assessment of tissue type
  - Identification of infection, exudate and epithelialisation

**Results**

- Questionnaire responses to use of the T.I.M.E. CDST were consistently positive over the 4-week evaluation period (Figure)
- Of the criteria assessed, respondents found the T.I.M.E. CDST to be most useful for identification of tissue type
- Many respondents described the T.I.M.E. CDST as:
  - Easy to use and understand
  - Supporting wound assessment by reinforcing treatment decisions

**Figure. Mean sum questionnaire response score for the T.I.M.E. CDST over 4 weeks when used from start of treatment (scale range: min=7; max=35)**

**Conclusions**

This survey of non-specialist T.I.M.E. CDST users showed that the tool supported wound assessment and clinical decision making as well as providing a structured approach to help improve patient outcomes and care experiences.

**Citation**


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