

Management of a trauma wound to the lower leg with ALLEVYN Life

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This was an 84-year-old male with multiple co-morbidities including Steven Johnson Syndrome. He had suffered multiple trauma wounds on his lower legs. The ulcer was superficial and located on the medial malleolus and was approximately 1cm x 1cm in size. It had a relatively clean wound base.

ALLEVYN Life remained in place for one week with the exudate well managed. The masking layer of the dressing concealed the exudate within the dressing (Figs 1 and 2). The ulcer was free from slough. A second ALLEVYN Life dressing remained in place for one week with the ulcer remaining clean and infection free.

At the third week the patient put on his own 'mix' of dressings with a deterioration in the ulcer a week later; the ulcer was deeper with inflamed peri wound edges and was painful. ALLEVYN Life was reapplied. This situation occurred a second time until ALLEVYN Life was reapplied.

This case study demonstrates ALLEVYN Life's ability to control and mask exudate and protect the *peri-wound* area. The ALLEVYN Life showed excellent conformability when dressing an awkward area (i.e. the ankle).



Fig 1. ALLEVYN Life after being *in-situ* for one week



Fig 2. Ulcer and dressing showing exudate concealed within the ALLEVYN Life masking layer