

# CLINICAL SUMMARY

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| <b>Title:</b>                          | <b>Use of a new silver barrier dressing, ALLEVYN Ag in exuding chronic wounds</b>   |
| <b>Authors / Reference:</b>            | Kotz P, Fisher J, McCluskey P, Hartwell SD, Dharma H.<br>Int Wound J 2009; 6:186–194  |
| <b>Objective:</b>                      | The aim of this evaluation was to generate data on the performance of ALLEVYN Ag Adhesive, ALLEVYN Ag Non Adhesive and ALLEVYN Ag Sacrum dressings in a clinical setting on multiple indications.   |
| <b>Methods:</b>                        | Non-comparative clinical evaluation conducted across six countries with a total of 24 participating centres.<br>126 patients recruited from the adult (≥ 18 years) populations routinely seen by the evaluation clinicians from across the UK, Spain, Ireland, France, Germany and USA.   |
| <b>Inclusion / Exclusion criteria:</b> | Inclusion criteria: males or females (not pregnant or lactating) of at least 18 years of age; patients who were able to understand and were willing to consent to the evaluation, and patients who had an exuding wound present.<br><br>Exclusion criteria: patients with a known history of poor compliance with medical treatment; patients who have participated in this evaluation previously and who healed or were withdrawn, patients with known sensitivity to silver sulfadiazine or other product components; patients with clinically infected wounds requiring systemic antibiotics and patients with wounds requiring the use of any other topical antimicrobial agent on the wound. |
| <b>Main results:</b>                   | Over 90% of patients rated the dressing as satisfactory or exceeding expectations across: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Comfort</b></li> <li>• <b>Durability</b></li> <li>• <b>Exudate Management</b></li> </ul> <p>Significant reduction (<math>p &lt; 0.0001</math>) in the number of patients presenting with clinical signs of infection between the initial and final assessments.</p>   |
| <b>Conclusion:</b>                     | ALLEVYN Ag is a bacterial barrier dressing that offers the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Optimal exudate management</b> leading to reduced maceration.</li> <li>• <b>Active and sustained reduction in microbial colonisation</b> within the dressing in chronic wounds allowing the host to regain control and progress the wound to healing.</li> <li>• <b>A convenient choice</b> for the management of critically colonised or infected chronic wounds when used in combination with local clinical protocols.</li> </ul>  |