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GERMANY: 10TH HOMECARE MANAGEMENT CONGRESS



The 10th Homecare Management Congress in Germany posed both a challenge and an opportunity for wound care.

The 5,500 attendees from the home care sector, healthcare and industry called for a more integrated approach to incorporate homecare professionals into community care structures, recognising their pivotal role in delivering good quality healthcare at home.

In the words of Christine Vogler, President of the German Nursing Council (DPR), **"Ambulatory care must take centre stage."**

Experts emphasised the necessity of adequate funding and the involvement of all stakeholders to establish efficient care systems. What will this look like for wound care patients and what does this mean for the wound care industry?

Ates Gürpınar of the Bundestag expressed concerns about the current hospital reform's lack of provision for strengthening outpatient care. He called for a shift towards community-based care and emphasised the importance of local, cost-effective solutions.

Daniela Piossek, of the BVMed Working Group for Ambulatory Healthcare, stressed the vital role of qualified

healthcare professionals, particularly nursing assistants, in ensuring effective out-patient and community care.

She called for comprehensive, quality-assured care by inclusively integrating all qualified nursing assistants, regardless of their institution.

Piossek proposed:

- Diversify qualification criteria to recognise specialists in organisations like the Stoma, Continence, and Wound Society (FgSKW).
- Engage all available capacities, including nursing staff from homecare companies, who play a significant role in caring for chronically ill individuals.
- Promote a balanced coexistence of specialists and generalists. For example, routine dressing changes need not exclusively be handled by wound care specialists, but can also be managed by generalist nursing services.
- Facilitate new collaborative models. Existing homecare professionals on-site could perform tasks like changing dressings or stoma bags without additional costs to the insurers.
- Delegation of some medical tasks should be open to qualified care professionals with appropriate experience, allowing for the development of new roles and qualifications.

The HKP (Home Care Directive) and associated framework in accordance with Section 132a (1) SGB V of the Social Law Book 5 included a provision to ensure the quality of wound care at home. Specialised care services and institutions are required to meet quality requirements and responsible nurses must show proof of at least 10 hours training. The delegation of tasks such as dressing changes may well change the role of the specialised wound care nurse.

Whilst many of the recommendations may enable cost effective treatment and reallocation of resources, the drivers of the reforms should not lose sight of the fact that good quality wound care is always the priority.

RECENT CLINICAL STUDIES: Include some old and new technologies

TECHNOPHAGE - TP-103 – BACTERIOPHAGE THERAPY

Technophage takes one step closer in the development of their novel bacteriophage therapy for various indications including, TP-122 for respiratory infections, TP-164 for urinary tract infections and TP-102 for chronic ulcers. TP-102 is comprised of five lytic bacteriophages against Staphylococcus aureus, Pseudomonas aeruginosa and Acinetobacter baumannii. Their phase II randomised controlled study will evaluate the safety and efficacy of TP-102 in patients with diabetic foot infection.

Click [here](#) for more information.

BONE SUPPORT AB – CERAMENT – G

Scandinavian orthobiologics company Bone Support AB develops injectable bioceramic bone graft substitutes. The Cerament® range includes Cerament® G and Cerament® V, both of which are indicated for the treatment of diabetic foot ulcers following surgical debridement and reconstructive procedures in a bid to spare the limb and avoid amputation. Cerament protects the bone during the healing process whilst providing antibiotics at high concentrations. Bone Support AB have just commenced enrollment for their observational device registry study to collect data surrounding performance and intended use, the study will run for three years.

Click [here](#) for more information.

EFFECT OF TOPICAL OZONE THERAPY ON THE HEALING OF DIABETIC FOOT

Looking to strengthen the evidence on the efficacy on Ozone therapy, the University of Harapan, Bangsa, Indonesia have recently completed a study that compared the efficacy of topical ozone therapy versus the standard of care in the treatment of diabetic foot ulcers. The results are yet to be published but hope to provide further clarification of the efficacy of Ozone therapy in this indication.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: SPECTRAL MD HOLDINGS LTD

Texas based artificial intelligence company Spectral Md Holdings Ltd have just received ISO 13485 certification for the manufacture and distribution of its AI-driven DeepView® Wound Imaging System. The wound imaging system combines artificial intelligence and multispectral imaging technology for faster and more accurate treatment decisions in wound care. Deepview® is a mobile technology platform that diagnoses wound healing at the bedside. The device can see and distinguish tissue characteristics that the human eye cannot.

An image is taken using the multispectral camera using a combination of AI algorithms and medical imaging. Deepview® then generates a day 1 healing assessment that includes a predicted healing trajectory. Spectral claim that Deepview® predictions on day 1 eliminate biases. Previous studies reported that Deepview predictions (at day 1) were 86% accurate on reporting the extent of wound closure in a diabetic foot ulcer accuracy the in week 4.

More information can be found [here](#).

UK NATIONAL WOUND CARE STRATEGY (NWCSP):

The UK National Wound Care Strategy (NWCSP) has issued a call for primary wound care professionals to share their views on wound care products. This will form part of their work to develop a new wound care classification system which will include product review and quality initiatives at local, regional and national levels.

We will provide further updates when available.

To find out more and to get involved click [here](#).

National Wound Conferences and Seminars



Italy:

National Congress Turin
11th – 14th October 2023

Click [here](#).

Welfair La Fiera del fare Sanita
18th – 20th October 2023

Click [here](#).



Belgium:

Symposium: Soins de Plaies
17th October 2023

Click [here](#).



Denmark:

Danish Wound Care Society Annual Meeting
23rd – 24th November 2023

Click [here](#).



Austria:

AWA – Austrian Associate for Wound Management Annual Meeting
24th November 2023

Click [here](#).