

Management of Wounds in Clinical Practice in the UK: Clinical Outcomes and Costs

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The 'Burden of Wounds' study estimated that the UK's National Health Service (NHS) managed 2.2 million patients with a wound during 2012/2013 and that the annual cost of managing these wounds and associated comorbidities was £5.3 billion. The study also estimated that the prevalence of wounds is growing at the rate of 11% per annum. Consequently, if this growth rate continues unchecked, the NHS could be managing an estimated 3.7 million patients with a wound in 2017/18 costing in the order of £8-9 billion. Nevertheless, the annual prevalence of wounds is likely to be increasing at different rates in different parts of the country. The presentation will highlight some key findings from the 'Burden of Wounds' study and more recent analyses on the clinical outcomes and costs of managing different wound types. Unwarranted variation in wound management in both clinical practice and controlled trials will also be discussed. The presentation will also review how the findings from the 'Burden of Wounds' study formed the basis of a debate in Parliament on developing a national strategy for improving the standards of wound care in the NHS, and influenced the Government's policy on wound management.

Biography

Julian established Catalyst Health Economics Consultants in 1990 and is also Visiting Professor of Health Economics at King's College, London. He has been conducting global health economics and outcomes research for 30 years in diverse therapeutic areas, including studies utilising real world evidence. Julian has published extensively and presented at numerous international conferences. Julian has been conducting health economics studies in wound care for 25 years including the 'Burden of Wounds' study, with different components having been published in the BMJ Open, International Wound Journal and Journal of Wound Care.

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