

THE STRATEGY OF THE TREATMENT OF LEG ULCERS – POLISH MODEL

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The treatment of patients with chronic leg ulcers is recognized as a big problem not only in Poland, but also in other European countries due to organization's, educations and financial factors.

European Wound Management Association with co-authors became to introduce the new model of the treatment the patients with leg ulcer. Opole City and the region of Strzelce Opolskie were chosen as a target of the assessment in the south of Poland.

In the first phase of the project 309 patients with leg ulcers were identified, prevalence was estimated on 1, 49/1000 inhabitants. There was necessary to describe and introduce the new model of leg ulcers patients' care. In the next part of assessment there were conducted the education courses for the recognition of the medical personnel dealing with the patients with chronic leg ulcers. Four courses were organized with finally 268 persons graduated, including 183 nurses and 85 doctors. After the education program the new model was initiated. Patient with recognized leg ulcer is sent to the reference center for the first, fast diagnostic stay to recognize the type of the ulcer of the initiation of the treatment. If there is no need the specialist treatment e.g. surgical, he returns for the treatment in the home place. Direct care for the treatment is conducted by the nurses, family doctors with surgical cooperation.