

EWMA PROJECT – LEG ULCERS IN SLOVENIA: EDUCATION

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Aim: The prevalence of leg ulcers was estimated to 1,8/1000 for Dolenjska region in Slovenia in first phase of EWMA project in Slovenia. In second phase we evaluated the Education project for leg ulcer therapy state-of-the-art in that region.

Methods: The same questionnaire was filled before and after education by same participants. Two days educations include lectures about all leg ulcers, surgery, dressings, compression and systemic therapy and workshops about dressings, compression therapy and use of CW Doppler for ABI calculation. 6 doctors and 8 nurses were included in education process.

Results: In five separate two days education courses all together 127 participants were included, among them 15 doctors.

115 questionnaires were returned at beginning and at the end of education. Maximal total point score was 70. All total point score were divided into six groups (1. group: less than 35 points; 2. group 36-42 points, 3. group 43-49 points; 4. group 50-56 points, 5. group 57-63 points and 6. group 64-70 points). Comparing to first questionnaires where 93% of total point score fall into the first three groups, in second questionnaires 36% of total point score fall into the first three groups and 64% into all other groups.

Discussion: After two days of educations we observed statistically significant improvement of knowledge about leg ulcers assessment and therapy. In the third phase of project we intend to check up acquired knowledge in practice.