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«WHEN BAD COMES TO WORSE:» WOUNDS IN THE PERISTOMAL SKIN

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Aims:

- To define the nature of wounds in the peristomal skin through clinical examples
- To outline the appropriate treatments methods
- To present preventative measures aimed at avoiding wound reoccurrence

When living with an Ostomy it is important to keep a healthy peristomal skin, as this is vital for successful adhesion which is essential for living safely with an Ostomy.

Once the skin is damaged, adhesion is reduced and implies an increased risk of leakage and further damage to the skin.

Daily experience shows that local irritation and wounds decrease the quality of life because of pain, burning and leakage.

This presentation offers a wider discussion of the clinical study on the ability of wounds to heal in the peristomal skin and aims to increase the healthcare professional's awareness and better understanding of the early detection and prevention of skin damage complications.

My purpose in this study is to share with you the ways of delivering effective wound care to the stoma patient, based on clinical evidence as well as on my long term experience with stoma patients.

As one of my patients said: «Worse than living with an Ostomy is to live with the inability to feel safe...»