Abstract from Riksår

Title: Presentation of the Registry of Ulcer Treatment

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The Swedish national quality registry for hard-to-heal leg, foot and pressure ulcers, RiksSår (the Registry of Ulcer treatment, RUT) was initiated in 2004. Today the registry has some 10 000 registrations covering primary care, community care and hospital-based care. The findings from several patient-oriented clinical research studies illustrate the immediate impact of RiksSår as an improvement project within wound management. Clinical research data from units covering the whole country have shown significant reduction of ulcer healing time (by 64%), use of antibiotics (by 42%), and treatment costs (by 46%) as well as improved health-related quality of life for patients with hard-to-heal ulcers. In 2017, the registry received the Golden Scalpel award for the best innovator in Swedish health care. RiksSår has during the years published 21 scientific articles, some 60 abstracts to national/international conferences and a large number of publications in popular scientific journals.

RiksSår is now focusing on e-health solutions, like the digital national support system, Dermicus Wounds, which today is used on a regular basis within clinical practice nationally (financed by SALAR, the Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions).

Another research area is PEPP (Personal Empowerment through a Co-creating Planning Process) which focuses on the patient’s experiences of daily activity and how to cope with the ulcer in daily life as well as to prevent recurrences (financed by the Kamprad foundation).

Areas of future research are prospective studies on health economics, organization and wound management (wound healing centers, education and training, communication, coordination and continuity) and antibiotic treatment versus treatment with antimicrobial dressings.