

EWMA project – leg ulcers in Slovenia: Implementation

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Aim: In the last, third phase of 3 years lasting EWMA project Leg ulcers in Slovenia we checked up acquired knowledge about leg ulcer therapy in practice and the influence on the prevalence of leg ulcers in Dolenjska region.

Methods: The same questionnaire was filled for patients who were included in EWMA project in Slovenia in May 2007. We found out how many patients still had an ulcer. We included new patients with leg ulcers in that region, filled the questionnaire, and did clinical examinations with ABPI and applied dressings and short-stretch compression systems donated by sponsors.

Results: The prevalence for leg ulcers for Dolenjska region in Slovenia was 1,8/1000 in 2007 and in second phase we observed statistically significant improvement of knowledge about leg ulcers assessment and therapy for doctors and nurses after two days of educations. The results for the third phase of project are not completed yet. An estimation of prevalence for leg ulcers for Dolenjska region in Slovenia in 2009 was 0,7/1000.

Discussion:

The prevalence of leg ulcers for Dolenjska region in Slovenia was reduced significant by education of medical staff about leg ulcer management and therapy.

