Chronic wound care in Turkey

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Turkey in general
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• Mainly young population
Just to give an idea…
Wounds in Turkey

Diabetes prevalence is increasing in Turkey

Diabetic foot ulcer estimations: Around 1 million
Wounds in Turkey

• Pressure ulcers
  – From studies: 7%!!!

• Venous ulcers
  – More in world
  – Turkey: 50 DFU/3 VU
    !!!!
Wounds in Turkey

• Other etiologies
• Specifically to mention
  – Thromboanginitis obliterans
  – Behcet’s disease

Overall estimation (all wounds):
Over 1 million
In near future...

- Population
  - Aging
  - Obese
  - Smoker

- Future estimation: increase
Wound management in Turkey

• Turkish Wound Management Society
  – Founded in 1996
  – Cooperating organization of EWMA
  – Multidisciplinary
Wound management in Turkey
Turkish Wound Management Society

- Annual meetings
  - 11 wound congress

- Wound nurse training courses
  - 13 courses
Wound management in Turkey

• Wound, Ostomy and Incontinence Nurses Society
  – Leading nurse organization in the field
  – Founded in 2008
Wound management in Turkey
Wound, Ostomy and Incontinence Nurses Society

• Active role in preparation of regulations
  – National Nursing Regulations
  – Course standards of wound care nurse certification programs

• Wound Care Nurse Certification courses
  – Every year
Local organizations

- Wound councils at some hospitals
- Istanbul Faculty of Medicine
  - Chronic wound council
Chronic Wound Council

• Interdisciplinary care
  – Vascular surgery
  – Orthopedics
  – Endocrinology/Diabetes
  – Infectious diseases
  – Hyperbaric Medicine
  – Plastic Surgery
  – Dermatology
  – Physiotherapy
  – General Surgery
Chronic Wound Council

• Since 2005
• Over 570 meetings
• More than 1000 patients
• About 3000 patient visits
• Books
• Presentations in meetings
• Members being invited as speakers
Train the Foot Trainer Program

EUROPEAN TRAIN THE FOOT TRAINERS PROGRAM to implement the Step by Step footproject

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Other....

- Courses by other societies
  - Standards?
- Wound care sessions in symposiums
  - Vascular surgery
  - Diabetes
  - General Surgery
  - Trauma
  - Infectious Diseases Society
Other….  

- Diabetic Foot Infections Guideline
  - Infectious Diseases Society
- People who have special interest
Problems

• No coordination between organizations
  – Societies act separately
  – Reaching health care is easy
  – Reaching right approach/treatment is extremely difficult
  – Consultation/ cooperation is a problem
Problems

• No national program
  – Training in medical school not enough
  – Most centers are individual initiatives
• Economics/refunding
  – Off-loading, preventive
  – Basic wound products not paid
• Wound registry/data collection is weak
What is to be done…

• Cooperation
• Developing a program
  – recently WMAT and WOINS, Ministry of Health
• Training in medical school
Thank you...