WOUND CARE SHARED — A WIN-WIN?

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CLINICIAN ATTITUDES TO SHARED CARE AND PERCEPTIONS ON THE CURRENT EXTENT OF PATIENT ENGAGEMENT IN WOUND CARE

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WHAT DOES INVOLVING PEOPLE IN THEIR OWN CARE MEAN?

Involving people in their care and treatment means:

- Supporting people to manage their own health and wellbeing on a daily basis
- Supporting them to become involved, as much as they want or are able to, in decisions about their care
- Giving people choice and control over the healthcare services they receive
- Focusing on what matters to the individual within the context of their lives, not simply addressing a list of conditions or symptoms to be treated





WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE DON'T INVOLVE PEOPLE?

Results in:

- Distress
- Loss of trust/confidence
- Lack of compliance
- Inappropriate accessing of services
- Poorer health/ quality of life





HOW AND WHY PATIENTS SELF-TREAT CHRONIC WOUNDS

Average 64·6 years of age; 50% female (n=50), with a lower leg wound (80%)

Two most common reasons for self-treating:

- 'to be independent' (n=58, 58%)
- 'to do the treatment at a time that suited' (n=55, 56%)
- Only 22%*supervised regularly for wound care
- Only 6%**received education and training to support self-treatment





BUT, SELF-TREATMENT...

Improved:

- Physical wellbeing because of better pain management and wound healing
- Emotional wellbeing because it helped to manage worry about infection and dissatisfaction with professional care





BUT, SELF-TREATMENT CONTINUED...

- Lessened the social consequences of the wound:
 - ✓ create an acceptable appearance
 - ✓ maintain their lifestyle and
 - minimise time receiving professional care
- Reduced financial cost of dressings and expense associated with professional care





METHODS



Aim was to explore:

- Current levels of patient engagement
- Attitudes to patient engagement





Qualitative research methodology:

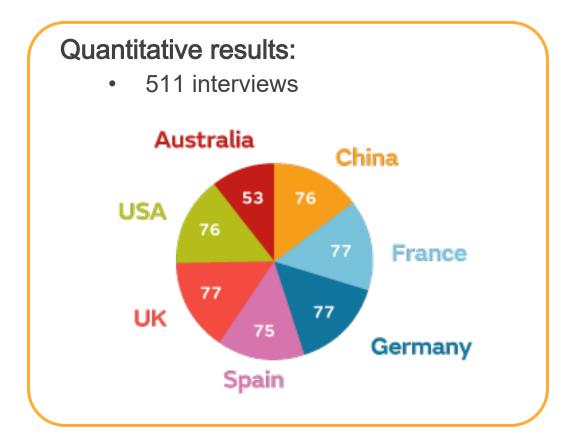
- Respondents recruited from a specialist healthcare panel: nurses, wound care nurses or GPs who regularly treat chronic wounds in a community setting
- One-hour interview
- Fieldwork conducted November / December 2020





RESULTS











- 42% (n=213/511) were either very positive, or extremely positive about the concept of patient engagement
- 60% (n=306/511) agreed or strongly agreed that patient involvement is beneficial for patients who can participate in shared care
- Estimated that 45% of their patients with chronic wounds could benefit from greater involvement in their own care





Benefits to the patients (n=28 respondents):

Independence: patients are more in control of their own time **Increased compliance:** patients are more likely to comply when part of decision making

Privacy: reduction of healthcare professional entering the home

Attitude: may feel more positive, empowered and enthusiastic

about their care





Benefits to the patients (n=28 respondents):

Timing: more time available for those who can't self-care/share care

Cost: reduction if fewer visits and better outcomes

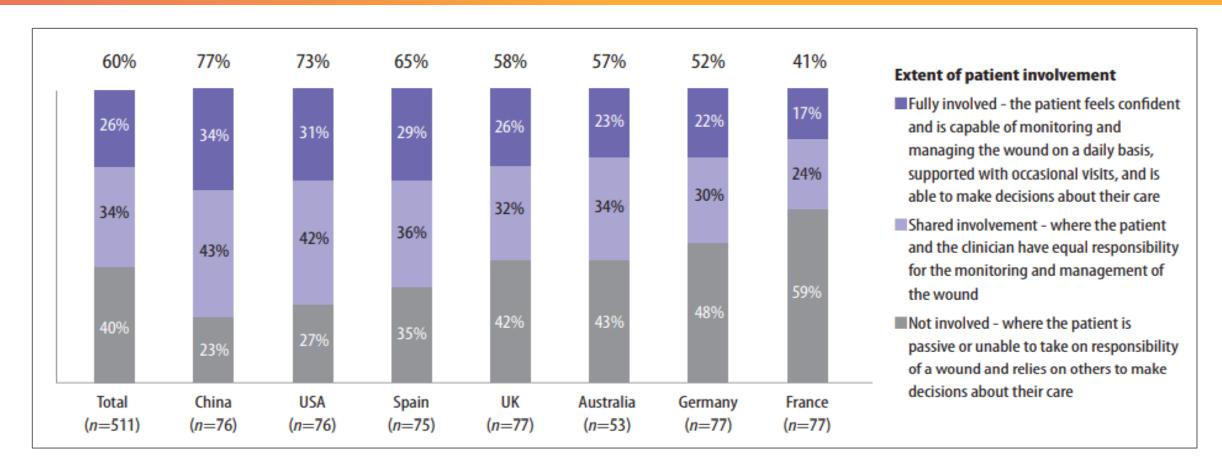
Relationship: stronger with the patient if more involved

Better reporting: patient more knowledgeable and aware of

symptoms to report











Drawbacks for patients (n=28 respondents):

- Lack of reassurance
- Increased likelihood of wound deterioration
- Lack of expertise
- Isolation





Drawbacks for clinicians (n=28 respondents):

- Timing and patient suitability
- Miss holistic issues
- Responsibility
- Negative emotional impact
- Loss of income





DISCUSSION



WHY DO IT?

Health happens outside of the examination room Patients are more than an illness Patients have valuable insights into their health care experience





HOW TO SUPPORT GREATER PATIENT ENGAGEMENT

- 1. Optimisation of communication with the patient
 - Time is always the issue
- 2. Identification of the right patients
 - Consider where patients sit on a 'self -care continuum'
- 3. Tools to encourage and support patient engagement
 - Tools and checklists





CONCLUSION



HOW TO SUPPORT GREATER PATIENT ENGAGEMENT

- Patient engagement is an important concept
- Shared care does not mean less care for the patient
- Understanding the individual needs and extent to which patients are able to participate in shared-care is critical
- The future needs to focus on developing internationally agreed tools that can facilitate this process
- Education and training for all involved is essential





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WHAT DID COVID-19 DO FOR US?













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SHIELDING AND IMPACT ON STAFF

Can I still be of value to my team?

How did shielding make me feel?

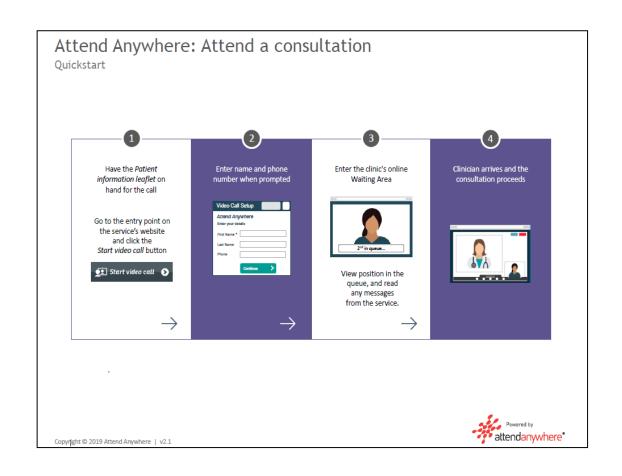
Can I rise to the new challenges ahead?

Can I be of value to my patients?





NEW CHALLENGES



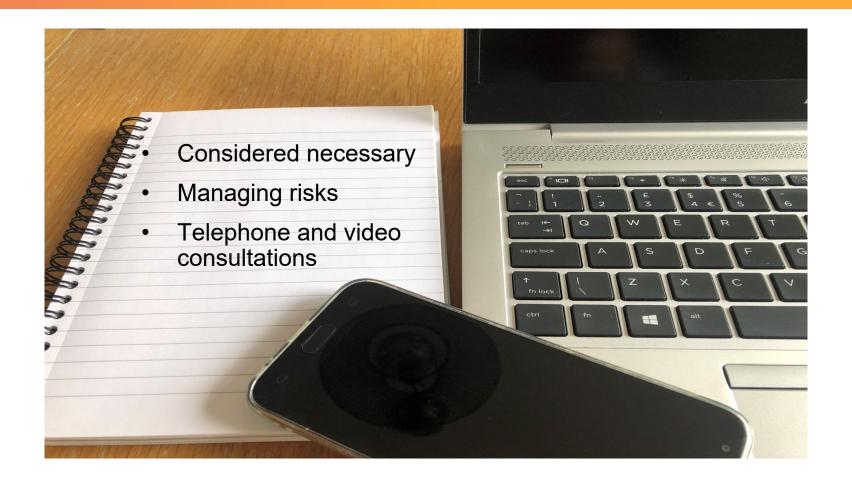








IMPLEMENTING REMOTE CONSULTATIONS







POSITIVES







NEGATIVES

Not suitable for everyone

Issues with connection



Initial training required

Recognising limitations





WHAT HAS WORKED WELL?

Earlier appointments than would have normally been possible in clinics and nursing homes via tablet/ laptop

Earlier appointments than would have normally been possible in GP practices via patients' own phone

What has worked well?

Ability to follow up on community patients in their own home

Reduced travel time by reducing unnecessary travel Reduced unnecessary physical contact during Covid-19





CASE STUDY



- 39-year-old gentleman
- History of diabetes
- Cirrhosis of the liver due to alcoholic liver disease. Abdominal ascites
- Renal failure dialysing twice a week
- Depression
- Obesity





CASE STUDY

- Pelvis haematoma following a fall in February 2020
- Incision and drainage started negative pressure wound therapy (NPWT) March 2020
- Discharged home April and was supported by the tissue viability nurse (TVN) team at home twice a week during Covid and two weeks changed from RENASYS ™ GO NPWT to PICO™ 7 Single Use Negative Pressure Wound Therapy (sNPWT)





CASE STUDY

- Patient then carried out one dressing change per week following minimal training and with telephone support
- NPWT discontinued in May and moved to silicone foam dressings and supported care
- Healed June





SUPPORTED CARE FOR A MONTH WITH VIRTUAL VIDEO/TELEPHONE CALLS UNTIL HEALING OCCURRED



Positives:

- Reduced nursing visits, limiting unnecessary physical contact
- Independence was able to shower and change the dressing when suited
- The patient felt supported throughout the time until the wound healed. It was felt to be a positive experience





SUPPORTED CARE FOR A MONTH WITH VIRTUAL VIDEO/TELEPHONE CALLS UNTIL HEALING OCCURRED



Difficulties:

- Problems with getting a good connection at times
- Patient not connecting via the link as agreed so needing a follow -up phone call
- Video quality variable at times so could be difficult to view the wound





PICTURES



0–1000 video consultations across the trust in first month 20,144 by end of September PALMS service number 1 with 4,893 Leg ulcer number #20





ADOPT, ADAPT, ABANDON

- Extend video consultations to other care homes and community teams
- Develop plans to include in future supported care with patients/carers self managing in their own home or residential home setting
- Teams to maintain virtual consultations at some level
- Telephone support seems to be more popular at the moment





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