

The use of Silflex[®] on a skin tear

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Introduction

Mr X is a 66 year old male patient with previous transitional cell carcinoma of the bladder and osteoarthritis. He came to me with a skin tear to the right arm on 16th July 2012 which was bleeding but was clean with no sign of clinical infection.

Clinical objectives

The clinical objectives were to stop bleeding, prevent infection and to heal the skin and restore the arm to original state.

Challenges in wound management

The challenges in wound management are to prevent further trauma and to prevent the dressing from adhering to the surrounding skin, to promote the skin barrier.

Benefits

The dressing (Silflex[®]) did not adhere to the skin tear or the surrounding skin, the skin tear healed quickly and was fully healed within one week.

Conclusion

The arm had healed within one week, Silflex[®] promoted healing better than similar dressings on the market.



Fig 1 - Skin tear, right arm (16th July 2012)



Fig 2 - Skin tear, right arm (19th July 2012)



Fig 3 - Skin tear, right arm (23rd July 2012)