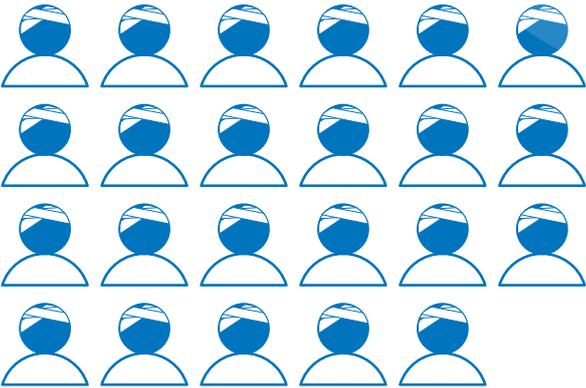




Wirral University Teaching Hospital converts to **CovaWound™** Silicone Foams, Alginates and Hydrocolloids

Interest in the **CovaWound™** range was initially created through analysis of a TR 18 report, comparing the costs of currently used silicone, foam, and hydrocolloid dressings, with their **CovaWound™** equivalents. This showed the potential for a 28% saving on like for like products.

POTENTIAL
28%
SAVING



23 patients

Clinical input was obtained from from the tissue viability specialist team, who evaluated product samples and decided to trial **CovaWound™** Silicone Foam Bordered dressings with 23 patients over three wards during a two week period. The nursing teams on each ward completed an evaluation form for every patient.

No preference for the current brand was expressed; **CovaWound™** was judged to be better than or as good as the current brand for all patients.

The Trust has now chosen to switch it's dressings supplier and is placing a stocking order with Covalon for **CovaWound™** Silicone Foams, Alginates and Hydrocolloids. Implementation is on-going and supported by Covalon.

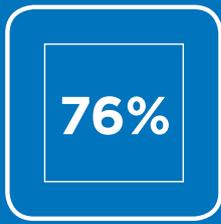


Three wards

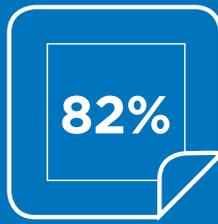


Two weeks

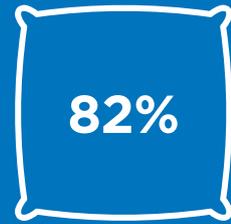
There was overwhelming clinical acceptance and overall preference of **CovaWound™** Silicone Foam Bordered products from the trials.



of responses suggest 'Ease of Application' is **better** than current product.



of responses suggest 'Ease of Removal' is **better** than current product



of responses suggest 'Patient Comfort' is **better** than current product.



65%

of responses suggest 'Pain on Removal' is **better** than current product



of responses suggest 'Condition of Surrounding Skin' is **better** than current product

100%

of responses suggest **CovaWound™** Silicone Foam Border's performance vs. current product was either '**Excellent**', '**Very Good**' or '**Good**' over the evaluation period.

**Jan Sherlock, Ward Manager
at Wirral University Teaching Hospital**

"Having personally used the dressings, they survived over 3 days of showering, Zumba and Ward 21! They were very comfortable and adhered well due to the wider border, better than the other dressing that I was also using at the same time".

**Bernadette Harwood, Tissue Viability
Nurse Infection Control, commented that**

"Covalon Technologies have provided excellent support and education during the evaluation process of their Foam Dressings. The products are high quality and cost effective. We are happy to be introducing them to our Trust."

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