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## Published study results highlight hidden costs of dressing-related trauma

The results of a study, published in the Journal of ClinicoEconomics and Outcomes Research has, for the first time, gathered the opinions of wound care specialists on the clinical consequences associated with dressing-related trauma and the high costs associated with its management.

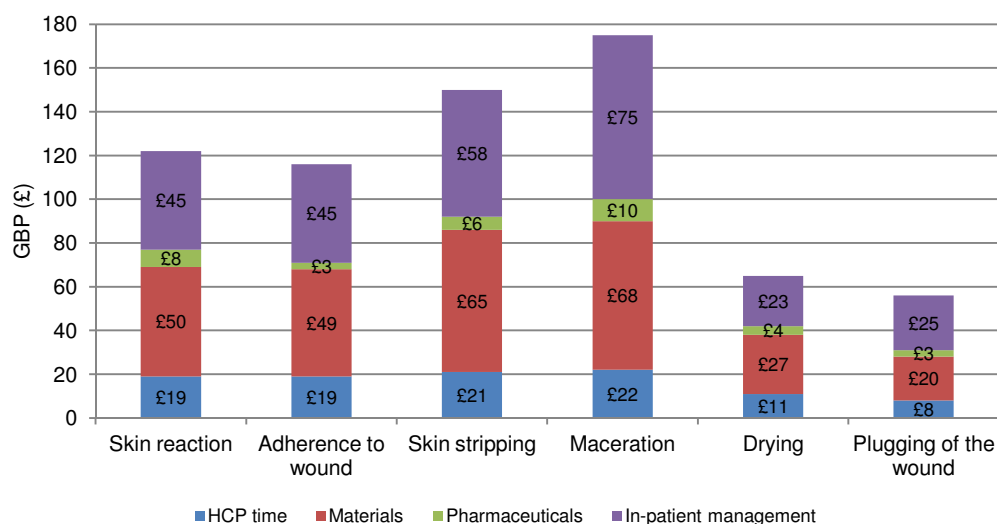
Dressing-related trauma is recognised as a clinical and economic burden to both patients and healthcare providers. It may include trauma to the wound bed and the surrounding intact skin, as well as associated clinical complications such as inflammation, wound enlargement, bleeding, oedema, dermatitis and pain. In addition to being costly, these complications often significantly delay the wound healing process.

### ***Wound care specialists identify most common complications***

In this two-phased study, including one-on-one interviews, online surveys and a review of existing cost data, the most common complications associated with dressing-related traumas in a UK setting were identified and analysed. Treatment costs were broken down into four categories: healthcare professional time, materials, pharmaceuticals and in-patient management.

The study results show that the complete cost of treating the six most commonly identified types of dressing-related trauma range from £56 (plugging of the wound) to £175 (maceration) per occurrence, with in-patient management and materials making up the bulk of the associated costs.

*Graph 1: Mean total costs for the complete onward management of each single occurrence of a trauma type*



Phil Cooper, President of Mölnlycke Health Care's Wound Care Division, said:

“The results of this research will contribute to developing a better understanding of the hidden costs of wound care and also, ultimately, to better patient care.

“Many of the costs associated with the pain suffered by patients and the trauma to the wound, identified in this insightful study, may be avoided through the use of dressings with our patented Safetac® technology. They are gentle on the wound bed and surrounding skin and have a unique sealing effect, reducing the risk and cost of dressing-related trauma.”

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The Wound Care Division offers gentle and effective wound care solutions. Featured products include those with the unique and patented Safetac® technology that reduce unnecessary suffering during a patient's wound healing journey. Safetac® is available exclusively on Mepitel®, Mepilex® and other selected dressings.

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