TITLE: Distance Consultation for Chronic, Non-Healing, Lower Extremity Wounds: Clinical Evidence

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RESEARCH QUESTION

What is the clinical evidence regarding technologies used for remote consultations with specialists in order to optimally treat patients with chronic, non-healing, lower-extremity wounds?

KEY MESSAGE

One randomized controlled trial and seven non-randomized studies were identified regarding technologies used for remote consultations with specialists in order to optimally treat patients with chronic, non-healing, lower-extremity wounds.

METHODS

A limited literature search was conducted on key resources including PubMed, The Cochrane Library (2013, Issue 11), University of York Centre for Reviews and Dissemination (CRD) databases, ECRI (Health Devices Gold), Canadian and major international health technology agencies, as well as a focused Internet search. No methodological filters were applied to limit retrieval by publication type. Where possible, retrieval was limited to the human population. The search was also limited to English language documents published between January 1, 2008 and November 6, 2013. Internet links were provided, where available.

RESULTS

Rapid Response reports are organized so that the higher quality evidence is presented first. Therefore, health technology assessment reports, systematic reviews, and meta-analyses are presented first. These are followed by randomized controlled trials and non-randomized studies.

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with chronic, non-healing, lower-extremity wounds. No relevant health technology assessments, systematic reviews, or meta-analyses were identified.

Additional references of potential interest are provided in the appendix.

**Health Technology Assessments**
No literature identified.

**Systematic Reviews and Meta-analyses**
No literature identified.

**Randomized Controlled Trials**


**Non-Randomized Studies**


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APPENDIX – FURTHER INFORMATION:

Non-Randomized Studies - implementation


Clinical Guideline


See: Practice Points, page 27 and Evidence Summary, page 59

Review Articles


Additional References

