



# Tissue Viability Bulletin

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## Articles

### Challenges ahead

This is an election year: I wonder what it will bring? The world of tissue viability faces many challenges and questions. Finances will remain a big challenge, whatever the outcome of the election.

British Journal of Nursing 2024 33 (4) S3

### Current practices using cellular, acellular and matrix-like products

Cellular, acellular and matrix-like products (CAMPs), formerly referred to as skin substitutes, are a therapeutic class of materials that when applied can provide a barrier over open hard-to heal wounds.

British Journal of Nursing 2024 33 (4) S4 – S8

### A narrative review of patients' lived experience of having a pressure injury

To explore patients' experiences of living with pressure injuries. Design: A qualitative narrative review and thematic synthesis of qualitative research studies.

British Journal of Nursing 2024 33 (4) S10 – S23

### Assessment of diabetic foot ulcers: back to basics

Diabetic foot ulceration affects up to 34% of the global diabetic population as a result of poor glycaemic control. Complications resulting from diabetic foot ulceration can be complex, expensive and challenging.

British Journal of Nursing 2024 33 (4) S24 – S32



### **Wound care in hard-to-reach populations: rough sleepers**

People sleeping rough commonly develop wounds and other skin disorders. Wounds vary and develop for multiple reasons. They include acute wounds such as burns, infected injection sites, abscesses and cellulitis, as well as chronic wounds such as pressure ulcers; rough sleepers have a high prevalence of lower limb wounds.

British Journal of Nursing 2024 33 (4) S34 – S37

### **The client and family experience of attending a nurse-led clinic for chronic wounds**

The quality of life for individuals with chronic wounds is diminished due to poor health-related outcomes and the financial burden of wound care. The literature has shown nurse-led wound care to have a positive impact on wound healing and psychosocial wellbeing.

Australian Journal of Family Health 2024 30 (1) doi: 10.1071/PY23081

### **Pain Assessment in Patients Undergoing Maggot Debridement Therapy in the Process of Local Treatment of Chronic Wounds**

Developing and implementing strategies for local wound care focused on improving the quality of life related to health status and reducing treatment costs for this patient group poses a challenge to contemporary healthcare systems. The utilization of Maggot Debridement Therapy (MDT) is one potential form of local therapy for preparing wounds for the healing process.

Journal of Clinical Medicine 2024 13 (3) 884

### **Sharing the journey... of setting up a Tissue Viability Service in NHS Tayside: the first year**

This journey begins with NHS Tayside acknowledging the need for an expert team and service to support tissue viability across the region of Tayside.

Wounds UK 2024 20 (1) 24-26

## **Best Practice and Guidelines**

Cochrane Library 2024

### **Nutritional interventions for preventing and treating pressure ulcers**

Pressure ulcers are localized injuries to the skin or the underlying tissue, or both, and are common in older and immobile people, people with diabetes, vascular disease, or malnutrition, as well as those who require intensive or palliative care. People with pressure ulcers often suffer from severe pain and exhibit social avoidance behaviours

Available from: [Nutritional interventions for preventing and treating pressure ulcers - Langer, G - 2024 | Cochrane Library](#)

Gov.uk 2024

### **Bacteriology reference department user manual**

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), Bacteriology Reference Department (BRD) is a national and international reference department for a wide range of bacterial infections.

Available from: [Bacteriology reference department user manual - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)



The Royal College of Pathologists 2024

**Tissue pathways for dermatopathology**

The tissue pathways published by the Royal College of Pathologists (RCPath) are guidelines that enable pathologists to deal with routine surgical specimens in a consistent manner and to a high standard

Available from: [G075-Tissue-pathways-for-dermatopathologyfor-publication.pdf \(rcpath.org\)](https://www.rcpath.org/publications/g075-tissue-pathways-for-dermatopathology-for-publication.pdf)

British Association of Dermatologists (BAD) 2024

**A new dawn: genomic testing and rare skin diseases in the NHS**

We are fortunate to be at a point in history where, as dermatologists, we can support people with rare diseases in truly meaningful ways. As a specialist in the study and treatment of rare skin diseases, I want to share some practical advice about how best to do this as a dermatologist in the NHS and encourage those of you with an interest in genetic skin diseases to get involved with some of our initiatives.

Available from: [British Association of Dermatologists \(bad.org.uk\)](https://www.bad.org.uk/)

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