

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Concurrent Session 2I

Wounds at the End of Life

Speaker:

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Description:

Wounds occur often in patients with terminal and chronic disease. As clinicians practicing in this care setting our focus is to promote comfort and relief using interventions designed to support the physical and psychological well-being of the whole patient. By first knowing the individual needs and desires of your patient, you can establish specific goals with interventions that control the infection, pain and wound burden associated with the disease. This lecture will discuss approaches for palliative wound care and focus on the unique qualities and trajectories of wounds in the setting of chronic disease.

Objectives:

- Describe alternations in skin that occur with aging and comorbidity that can lead to chronic and palliative wounds
- Describe identifying features of a palliative wound
- Identify approaches for palliative wounds
- Review current research supporting care guidelines and treatments