Palliative Wound Care

In patients with chronic advanced illness, starting from the first assessment, skin presents the clinician, patient and family with very visible indicators of health or disease. Several palliative care groups have published evidenced-based guidelines accepted internationally, on the prevention and care of skin the largest organ. Using our resources wisely must be part of the development of an interdisciplinary approach to create and implement a patient/family individualized plan of care. Agreement on realistic goals and expectations of wound management is vital to patient/family satisfaction. Patient and their caregivers are expected to deal with many complex issues and as a team we strive to help them live each day in the best way they can.

Objectives:

1) Identify a palliative wound care skin risk assessment.
2) Recognize the relationship of goals and expectations of wound management with patients/families.
3) Describe two different treatment strategies utilized in palliative wound care.
4) Define two indicators for nutritional management.

Speakers:

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