Benefits of a Multidisciplinary Wound Care Team

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Purpose and Objectives

- To identify the benefits of a multidisciplinary approach to wound care.
- To highlight the role of various disciplines in promoting wound healing.
- To outline the importance of patient assessment and treatment planning.

Patient Assessment

- Physiological, social, occupational, physical therapy, dietetic, and psychological assessments.
- Determination of patient needs and goals.
- Identification of risk factors for wound development.
- Development of a comprehensive treatment plan.

Activity

- Staff receive advanced training in wound care and pressure ulcer prevention.
- Utilization of evidence-based guidelines and protocols.
- Interdisciplinary case conferences to discuss patient care.

Mobility

- Seating and positioning tools increase patient comfort and independence.
- Movement assessments to prevent immobility-related complications.

Friction and Shear

- Measures to reduce friction and shear in high-risk areas.
- Use of protective positioning devices.

Wound Prevention

- Risk assessment to identify patients at increased risk for wound development.
- Use of protective devices and positioning aids.
- Early intervention to prevent wound progression.

Rehabilitation Approach to Treating Patients with Wounds

- Continued focus on Braden subset categories to minimize risk of pressure ulcer development.
- Interdisciplinary team approach to identify and treat wounds.
- Ongoing education for staff and patients.

Incidence and Prevalence

- Significant reduction in wound incidence and prevalence.
- Improved patient outcomes and decreased healthcare costs.

References