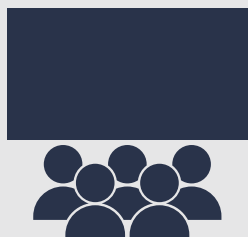


# AN AUDIENCE SURVEY OF PRACTICE RELATING TO PAIN IN THE MANAGEMENT OF CHRONIC VENOUS LEG ULCERS

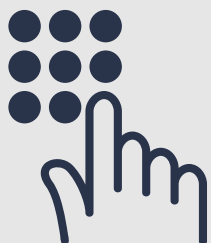
Venous leg ulcers respond well to compression therapy, yet many ulcers remain unhealed after 1 year. Some patients with wound pain, find compression intolerable, leading to lack of compliance with treatment. This can affect the ability, or willingness of healthcare professionals to apply compression to patients with significant ulcer pain, potentially leading to poorer outcomes.

This survey aimed to capture the views of healthcare practitioners on the application of compression therapy to patients with painful venous leg ulcers

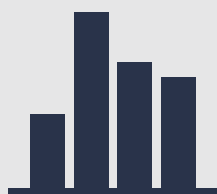
## Methods:



Healthcare professionals attended 2 identical symposia at the Wounds UK conference in November 2019



90 attendees responded to a series of questions. Responses were recorded anonymously via hand-held keypads...



...and were pooled into one data set

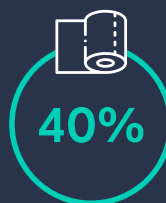
## Results:



84% of respondents treat 3 or more patients every day with wound-related pain problems



88% of respondents would refer onwards for pain management (either to a pain team or GP)



40% of respondents would 'regularly' or 'always' remove compression as a pain management strategy

This survey confirms that pain is a major barrier to effective use of compression in many patients with painful wounds. Technological solutions that reduce ulcer pain, as alternatives to analgesics, may lead to more patients being able to tolerate and benefit from effective compression therapy. Electrical stimulation devices may represent one such technical solution.

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