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“Foundations of Wound Care Staff Education: What Clinicians Need to Know”

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The incidence of clients with wounds is increasing. In long-term care settings, this will require clinicians to sharpen their wound care skill sets through education. Initially, wound dressings were the only therapeutic option available to wound practitioners. With advanced knowledge and innovation, clinicians now have a variety of intervention options. What has not, however, kept pace with these changes is the education for those treating wounds. A systematic approach to staff training can result in positive outcomes for you, your staff, and most importantly, your clients. Staff education must be an ongoing task. The speakers will examine the foundations of wound care education for staff in long-term care settings. Learners will examine key elements (role of multidisciplinary team, documentation and reimbursement, prevention, wound assessment, and wound treatment) of effective education to support delivered wound care services. Presenters also will introduce strategies for making wound care learning engaging and fun in the long-term care setting. These strategies will allow attendees to go back to their communities and focus on continued quality improvement plans for staff education. With this renewed focus on service delivery in this area, staff confidence and satisfaction can be enhanced.