Appropriate use of silver dressings in wounds

Introduction

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Context

• Silver dressings have been used extensively
• The recent VULCAN \(^1\) study and two Cochrane reviews\(^2,3\) concluded that there is insufficient
evidence to show that silver dressings improve healing rates
• These findings have resulted in withdrawal of silver dressings in some places
• Clinicians are increasingly concerned that this may increase morbidity and prolong treatment
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References


