

Excerpts from a Study of "Decreasing the Incidence of Skin Tears in the Extended Care Setting with the Use of a New Line of Advanced Skin Care Products containing Olivamine, including Remedy Skin Care Products" - Marjorie Groom, RN,BSN, MSHCA, CWOCN, DAPWCA, Memorial Hospital, Belleville, IL.

Objective of Study: To apply a four-pronged approach of cleansing, moisturizing, protecting and nourishing the skin with an advanced skin care line containing Olivamine to create a skin care program that actually strengthens the skin and decreases the incidence of skin tears. Prior to initiating the study, the facility evaluated at least one new skin tear per day.

Results of Study: Once the new, four-pronged skin care protocol was put into place there were only two skin tears in a six month period. Comparing that figure to previous data, there were approximately 180 skin tears reported during a six month time frame. This represents a substantial decline in nosocomial skin tears. Overall, skin appearance and turgor increased across the board.

Conclusions: The facility has completed a cost-analysis projection for adoption of the Remedy and Olivamine products. Choosing an advanced skin care regimen with Olivamine containing products is fiscally responsible in considering overall costs and benefits the customer by providing comfort and empowerment to both caregiver and patient.