CASE STUDY

SENIOR VILLAGE PERRYTON, TX



DERMASAVER STAY-PUT
HEEL PROTECTOR

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Re: Resident.WG, blisters/swelling to bilateral lower extremities.

This resident has edema and was taking 60mg of Lasix by mouth every day to control the swelling in her lower extremities. She also has dementia of the Alzheimer's type and because of this began refusing to take her daily medications. After two days without her medications her lower extremities became very edematous. Upon a routine inspection several large blisters were noted to bilateral heels as a result of the swelling.

1/28/08: I contacted DermaSaver and ordered the Stay-Put Heel Protectors for the resident and had them shipped over-night. We also began using the DermaWrap product to help control the swelling to her lower extremities. We then changed her Lasix from a by mouth dose to an injectable form.

1/29/08: We began using the DermaSaver Stay-Put Heel Protectors around the clock and began treatments on the resident's heels wrapping with the DermaWrap product on a daily basis.

1/31/08: I evaluated the wounds and the progression made. The areas had begun scabbing, healing, no drainage or signs and symptoms of infection and significantly less swelling. Most notable is that there is no evidence of any pressure ulcers developing at this time, because of the resident's status this was a primary concern that we have been able to prevent thus far.

2/7/08: I again evaluated the wounds for progress. It was noted that the heels continue to heal without developing pressure ulcers. There is a blood blister that remains after the swelling and blisters have resolved, but tissue surrounding the blister is healthy and healing. Resident was switched back to by mouth Lasix and is taking her medication regularly. We are continuing to use the DermaSaver Stay-Put Heel Protectors as a preventative measure on a daily basis.







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9-29-07: This resident's feet have external rotation when at rest (in bed or in recliner) and he has had two stage 2 pressure ulcers on the outer malleolus's of both ankles since admission. We have been trying duoderm dressing and booties at HS (cloth covered cotton boots) for approximately 3 months. When the wounds would resolve to a stage 1, the duoderm would be removed, and the booties were continued, but they did not stay in place and constantly had to be re-applied several times throughout the night (interfering with his sleep), and resulting in the return of the the stage 2 ulcers. We would then repeat the process; this has continued for the last 3 months. We decided to try the DermaSaver Stay-Put Heel Protectors. With this product alone, we had the stage 2's resolved

to stage 1's within one week. Plus they remained in place throughout the night. (The resident was very relieved to be able to sleep uninterrupted!) He was able to ambulate with them on, which allowed him to remain independent with his toileting needs.

10-11-07: The resident is still presenting with the stage 1 pressure ulcers, but he continues to show signs of resolving without the use of any other dressing. He is wearing the DermaSaver Stay-Put Heel Protectors 24/7, and is still able to ambulate safely.

10-17-07: After three weeks of using the DermaSaver Stay-Put Heel Protectors, the wounds on his malleolus's are now resolved. This outcome would not have been achieved without this product, as our previous failed attempts with other products have proven. He has some scar tissue over both ankles that will always be a vulnerable area for him, and so the DermaSaver Stay-Put Heel Protectors will continue to be utilized.

We were very pleased with the results of this study, and we plan to use DermaSaver products on a regular basis in our facility.

Thank you for this product!

Regency At The Park Nursing Staff

