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The Chronic Oedema Wet Leg Pathway©

The Chronic Oedema Wet Leg Pathway©2017 was an output from the On the Ground Clinical Lymphoedema Educator Pilot Project (OGEP) 2016. Originally, the pathway provided three levels of bandaging to support effective management of patients affected with chronic oedema and lymphorrhoea (wet legs) thereby reducing complications.

The decision pathway provides clear evidenced-based literature to registered nurses and health care support workers to deliver timely and prudent care for people with chronic oedema and lymphorrhoea. Following the pathway can reduce patients' distress, improve quality of life and enhance wound care effectiveness. It will also decrease the likelihood of hospital admissions from cellulitis.

This session will present the updated Chronic Oedema Wet Leg Pathway©2021 demonstrating the evidence and rationale for the introduction of a fourth level of bandaging.

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