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Cellulitis data from LIMPRINT

Summary of talk

Cellulitis is a common and potentially serious bacterial infection of the skin, often leading to hospitalization, long-term morbidity and recurrent disease. It has been reported to account for over 1% of the emergency admissions, and is regarded as one of the leading causes of potentially preventable hospitalizations. Chronic oedema has previously been known to be a predisposing factor for cellulitis, but the number of studies designed to investigate this relationship have been few. In this talk, Dr. Burian will present the cellulitis data from the LIMPRINT study, including 7477 patients with clinically assessed chronic leg oedema. What is the extent of the problem of cellulitis in chronic oedema on an international level? What risk factors for cellulitis were identified? And how can we prevent it? These questions will be answered, including a hypothesis of why swelling of the legs predispose to the development of cellulitis.