

## A Comparative Study between Silver Based Dressing and Vacuum Dressing in Management of Diabetic Foot Infection

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### Abstract

For centuries silver was presented to the population as an active ingredient for sanitation and food protection against bacteria but in these recent years it has been introduced for wound care management as antibacterial agent. Vacuum dressing is a new technique of dressing Also called Negative-pressure wound therapy [NPWT] using a device to make continuous suction over an open wound decreasing edema and secretions, promotes healing and granulation tissue fast growing. We aimed to compare between silver based dressing and vacuum dressing in management of diabetic foot infection 50 Patients ages from 50-65 years old having diabetic foot Infection, on insulin injections and undergoing treatment. All patients had proper surgical debridement and wound irrigation using normal saline 0.9% and povidone iodine, then they will be subdivided into 2 groups those in the first group will have silver containing ointment afterward. The second group will have silver based dressing using vacuum dressing. There were no difference between the two groups in healing percentage [84%] in the two groups and number of patients needed higher amputation were equal in both groups 3 cases in each group [16%], although there was significance difference in wound size at the end of the study between silver group and vacuum group and rate of healing which was more rapid in the vacuum group. we conclude that vacuum dressing has good healing power and more effective than silver dressing in management of diabetic foot infection. It decreases time needed for wound healing and hospital stay better than silver dressing.

### 1. Introduction

Diabetic foot is characterized as the nearness of contamination, ulceration or potentially demolition of profound tissues related with neurologic variations from the norm and different degrees of fringe blood vessel illness [PAD] in the lower appendage in patients with diabetes [1].

Microbiological culture has become a best quality level strategy in recognizing kinds of causative creature and the reasonable anti-toxin to utilize, tissue culture gathered by curettage or biopsy is more solid than old technique q-tip culture [2].

More up to date procedures were acquainted with the market have a promising impact in the field of diabetic foot the board in this examination we will concentrate on 4 unique kinds of dressing that have a decent outcome on taking out contamination and advance mending of the tissues of diabetic foot these four sorts are; 1-vacuum dressing 2-hydrocolloid dressing 3-hydrogel dressing 4-silver based dressing [3].

Vacuum dressing is another method of dressing Also called Negative-pressure wound treatment [NPWT] utilizing a gadget to make consistent attractions over an open injury diminishing edema and discharges, advances recuperating and granulation tissue quickly developing, In 1995, Kinetic Concepts was the main organization to have a NPWT item cleared by the US Food and Drug Administration. Following expanded utilization of the method by emergency clinics in the US, the strategy was endorsed for repayment by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in 2001 [4].

Hydrogels are mind boggling hydrophilic natural cross-connected polymers, comprising of a 80%–90% water base. These gels are accessible in a free-streaming indistinct or fixed adaptable sheet structure. They can assimilate a base measure of liquid by growing, yet they additionally can give dampness to a

dry injury, in this manner encouraging autolytic debridement and keeping up a clammy injury condition that is thermally protected. They have additionally been appeared to advance granulation and epithelialization and lessen the temperature of an injury bed by up to 5°C [4].

Hydrocolloid dressing is a dark or transparent sheet of dressing which is usually water verification makes it simple for the patient to have shower. it comprises of cross-connected cement mass containing a scattering of gelatin, gelatin and carboxy-methylcellulose along with different polymers and glues on the dynamic surface. It adds the preferred position to affix mending, decline recurrence of wrapping and bringing down degree of torment [5].

For a considerable length of time silver was introduced to the populace as a functioning element for sterilization and food assurance against microorganisms however in these ongoing years it has been presented for wound consideration the board as antibacterial specialist. The job of silver as antibacterial operator isn't completely comprehended despite the fact that it has been seen that the cation in silver is exceptionally dynamic against gram positive and gram negative microscopic organisms causing cell divider harm and cell shrinkage assuming a significant job during the time spent injury mending [6].

We planned to think about between silver based dressing and vacuum dressing in the executives of diabetic foot disease.

### 2. Patients and methods

All patients remembered for the examination will be submitted to legitimate history taking and clinical evaluation at that point blood tests for; CBC, HBA1c, fasting and post prandial glucose tests, serum creatinine, serum urea and swab culture test from the injury. X-beam will be embraced to the influenced

appendage with routine blood vessel shading Doppler to all cases to prohibit huge blood vessel stenosis. The individuals who are with critical stenosis will be discarded from the examination. All patients will have proper careful debridement and wound water system utilizing typical saline 0.9% and povidone iodine, at that point they will be partitioned into 2 gatherings those in the main gathering will have silver containing balm a short time later. The subsequent gathering will have silver based dressing utilizing vacuum dressing.

50 Patients ages from 50-65 years of age having diabetic foot Infection, on insulin infusions and experiencing treatment in the branch of general medical procedure at Luxor International Hospital and Banha University Hospital will be considered in the consideration study.

Incorporation standards was patients with diabetic foot contamination and their ages between 50-65 years of age's and insulin subordinate

Rejection standards was patients with noteworthy blood vessel stenosis and deprived for revascularization, venous ulcer, non-atherosclerotic infections, for example, burger's sickness and vasculitis and the individuals who are on oral hypoglycemic medications instead of insulin.

An all out 50 patient having diabetic foot were incorporated. Clinical appraisal was accomplished for all patient in the wake of conceding them. History and clinical discoveries were taken. following examinations were completed for all patients: routine blood examinations, x-beam, blood vessel shading Doppler, Swab culture affectability. These 50 patients will be partitioned into 2 subgroups, the primary gathering will have vacuum dressing as the backbone of the treatment, the subsequent gathering will have silver based dressing.

### 3. Results

The mean age among group 1 cases were  $58.0 \pm 4.4$  years, with males representing 52% of cases. BTG was

the most common type of wound [12%] and RA was the most common type of surgery [20%]

Osteomyelitis was present among 64% of group 1 cases on X ray, infection was contained in 88% of cases and healing was detected in 84% of cases

The mean age among group 2 cases were  $58.0 \pm 4.5$  years, with males representing 76% of cases. MFI was the most common type of wound [12%] and DE was the most common type of surgery [24%]

Osteomyelitis was present among 36% of group 2 cases on X ray, infection was contained in 84% of cases and healing was detected in 84% of cases

There was no significant difference between the two study groups as regard infection and healing, however a significant difference between the two study groups was found as regard osteomyelitis occurrence as 64% of silver group developed osteomyelitis compared to 36% of VAC group

Among group 1 cases, there was no significant difference between those with and those without osteomyelitis as regard patients 'age. Similarly, no significant difference between those with and those without infection, healed and non healed cases as regard patients 'age

Among group 1 cases, there was no significant difference between male and female as regard occurrence of osteomyelitis, resolving of infection, or healing of wound

Among group 2 cases, there was no significant difference between those with and those without osteomyelitis as regard patients 'age. Similarly, no significant difference between those with and those without infection, healed and non/ healed cases as regard patients 'age

Among group 2 cases, there was no significant difference between male and female as regard occurrence of osteomyelitis, resolving of infection, or healing of wound

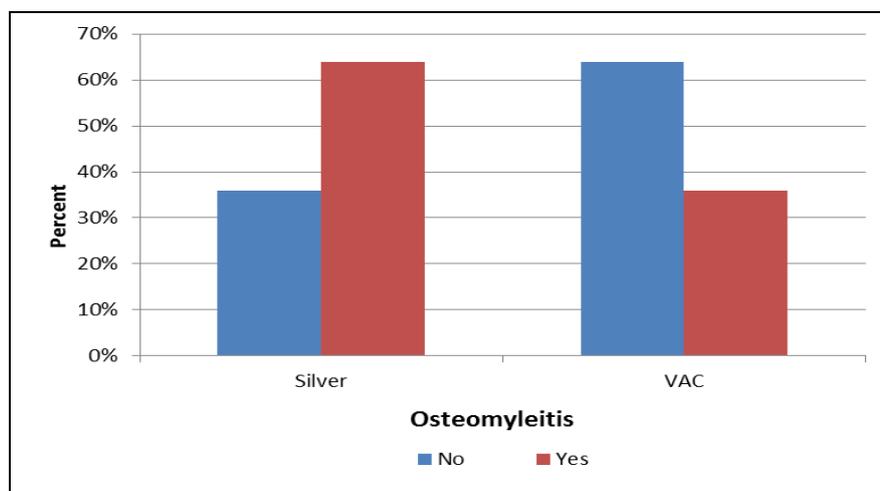


Fig (1) Relation between the two groups about osteomyelitis.

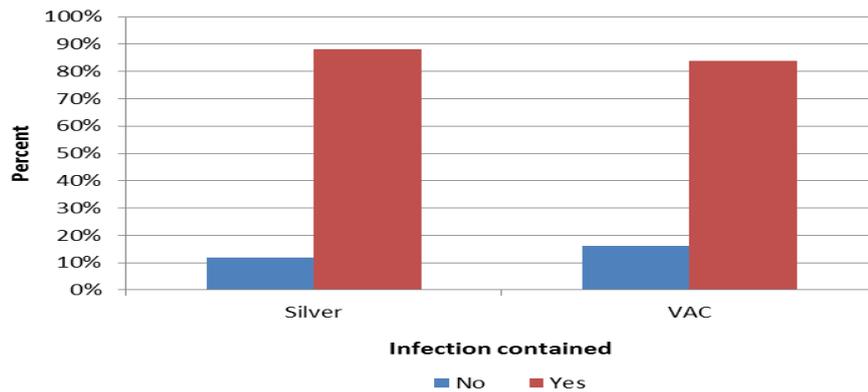


Fig (2) Relation between the two groups about infection contained.

Table (1) Comparison between the two study groups as regard osteomyelitis, infection and healing.

		Group				P	Sig
		Silver		VAC			
		N	%	N	%		
X-ray	No osteomyelitis	9	36.0%	16	64.0%	0.048*	S
	Osteomyelitis	16	64.0%	9	36.0%		
Infection contained	No	3	12.0%	4	16.0%	1.0**	NS
	Yes	22	88.0%	21	84.0%		
FATE	Non healed	4	16.0%	4	16.0%	1.0**	NS
	Healed	21	84.0%	21	84.0%		

\*Chi-Square Tests

\*\*Fisher exact

Table (2) Relation between age and each of osteomyelitis, infection and healing among group 1 cases.

		Age		P	Sig
		Mean	±SD		
X-ray	No osteomyelitis	57.67	5.22	.783	NS
	Osteomyelitis	58.19	4.05		
Infection contained	No	58.33	5.86	.892	NS
	Yes	57.95	4.35		
FATE	Non healed	58.25	4.79	.905	NS
	Healed	57.95	4.46		

\*\*Fisher exact

Table (3) Relation between sex and each of osteomyelitis, infection and healing among group 1 cases.

		Sex				P	Sig
		Male		Female			
		N	%	N	%		
X-ray	No osteomyelitis	4	30.8%	5	41.7%	.688	NS
	Osteomyelitis	9	69.2%	7	58.3%		
Infection contained	No	2	15.4%	1	8.3%	1.0	NS
	Yes	11	84.6%	11	91.7%		
FATE	Non healed	2	15.4%	2	16.7%	1.0	NS
	Healed	11	84.6%	10	83.3%		

\*\*Fisher exact

**Table (4)** Relation between age and each of osteomyelitis, infection and healing among group 2 cases.

		Age		P*	Sig
		Mean	±SD		
<b>X-ray</b>	No osteomyelitis	58.13	4.26	.858	NS
	Osteomyelitis	57.78	5.19		
<b>Infection contained</b>	No	59.25	4.03	.557	NS
	Yes	57.76	4.65		
<b>FATE</b>	Non healed	59.25	4.03	.557	NS
	Healed	57.76	4.65		

\*Student t test

**Table (5)** Relation between sex and each of osteomyelitis, infection and healing among group 2 cases.

		Sex				P**	Sig
		Male		Female			
		N	%	N	%		
<b>X-ray</b>	No	11	57.9%	5	83.3%	.364	NS
	Osteomyelitis	8	42.1%	1	16.7%		
<b>Infection contained</b>	No	3	15.8%	1	16.7%	1.0	NS
	Yes	16	84.2%	5	83.3%		
<b>FATE</b>	Non healed	3	15.8%	1	16.7%	1.0	NS
	Healed	16	84.2%	5	83.3%		

\*\*Fisher exact

#### 4. Discussion

There is an investigation distributed in 2018 at Egyptian diary of emergency clinic medication contrasting between negative weight wound treatment and customary dressing This examination was directed in the vascular medical procedure office at Al-Azhar college emergency clinics. Procedure: The examination included 50 patients randomized into two gatherings [25 patients for VAC treatment and 25 patients for customary dressing] experiencing diabetic foot wounds. Results: 6 of 25 [24%] in the Conventional treatment bunch were females while 19 of 25 [76%] in the Conventional treatment bunch were guys. 3 of 25 [12%] in the NPWT bunch were females and 22 of 25 [88%] were guys.

In our investigation we included 50 patients experiencing diabetic foot contamination randomized into two gatherings [25 patients for VAC treatment and 25 patients for silver dressing]. Results: 12 out of 25 [48%] patients in the silver gathering were females though 13 out of 25cases [52%] were guys. In VAC. dressing bunch 19 out of 25 cases [76%] were guys and 6 out of 25cases [23%] were females. In the Conventional treatment gathering, 21 of 25 [84%] were over 60 years old. 20 of 25 [80%] in the NPWT bunch were over 60 years old. In our examination we made every one of our investigations on patients matured from 50 to 65 years of age.

AL azhar study sets their proportions of examination on granulation tissue arrangement in seven days, medical clinic remain, and cost of every strategy while we make our estimations on size of the

injury, volume of the injury, assessed season of wound recuperating and paces of cases required higher removal. In AL azhar study they put a few components of correlation between those two gatherings which are: 1-injury bed granulation following multi week of treatment, 2-granulation tissue rate after finish of the examination, 3-mean surface zone of wounds 4-rate of 2ndry higher removal. 5-time of emergency clinic remain till the injury is completely granulated. 6-contrast between those 2 modalities in cost. Then again, in our investigation we looked at 1-size of the injury 2-volume of the injury 3-recuperating rates in every methodology 4-disease control 5-number of wounds required higher removal.

In Al Azhar study, wound size was estimated at introductory introduction and afterward after treatment. Prior to treatment, the mean surface zone of wounds in the NPWT bunch was 40.44 cm<sup>2</sup>, the Conventional treatment 38.52cm<sup>2</sup>. After injury the board, mean surface zone of the diabetic injuries was 36.08 ± 2.56 cm<sup>2</sup> in the NPWT gathering and 37.63 ± 2.86 cm<sup>2</sup> in the Conventional treatment. In our investigation wound size was evaluated at regular intervals. Mean injury size toward the start of the investigation in Vac. Gathering was ± 34 cm<sup>2</sup> and was ± 29.5 cm<sup>2</sup> in silver gathering in the wake of closure the investigation twisted size in Vac. Gathering and silver gathering were ±3.4 cm and ±6.2 individually. Frequency of higher removals in AL azhar concentrate in VAC gathering and regular gathering were 5/25 [20%] and 6/25 [24%] separately.

In our examination we found that in VAC. Gathering 21 out of 25 [84%] cases have controlled disease though in silver gathering 22 out of 25 cases [88%] have controlled contamination. Additionally, we analyzed paces of recuperating in the two gatherings it was 84% in the two gatherings and cases required higher removal were 4 cases in each gathering 16%. In Al Azhar study, At the finish of the investigation, all out mean expense in customary dressing bunch was  $1976 \pm 123$  EP contrasted with  $2275 \pm 154$  EP in VAC gathering. In our investigation silver dressing costs 700 L.E every week in spite of the fact that Vac dressing costs 3000 L.E.

There was a distinction in the all out expense at last. we likewise looked at time required for complete injury mending which was  $36.4 \pm 11.14$  days in VAC. Gathering while it was  $98.2 \pm 6.45$  days in silver gathering. In Al Azhar study they lead the correlation by another way, estimating time of emergency clinic remain till the injury was completely granulated and prepared for skin joining which was  $22.87 \pm 7.62$  in NPWT contrasted with  $32.53 \pm 10.17$  in the regular gathering.

There is an exceptionally factually critical distinction between normal term of emergency clinic remain and it is diminished fundamentally in vacuum dressing. [p-value=0.02] [7].

Likewise there is another investigation distributed in april, 2019 in lord Abdel Aziz emergency clinic in Saudi Arabia. This investigation meant to think about the viability of the utilization of controlled delivery ionic silver hydrophilic dressing with that of MH-impregnated dressings in patients with diabetic neuropathic plantar ulcers. Patients and Methods: This was a planned, twofold visually impaired, randomized relative clinical preliminary directed in diabetic foot care unit at the King Abdul Aziz Specialist Hospital in Taif, Saudi Arabia. Seventy-one patients were selected from January 2015 to December 2017.

Patients with neuropathic plantar ulcers were remembered for the examination with prohibition of ischemic and neuroischemic ulcers. Patients who met the incorporation rules of this examination were partitioned and randomized into two gatherings: Group I [honey group] and Group II [silver hydrogel group]; in both the gatherings after waste of any assortment and careful debridement of hyperkeratotic and necrotic tissues and flooding the ulcers, in Group I, MH-impregnated dressing containing 35 g of Unique Manuka Factor-13 was applied, and in Group II, controlled delivery ionic silver hydrophilic dressings were utilized to cover the ulcer. . In our investigation we included 50 patients experiencing diabetic foot disease randomized into two gatherings [25 patients for VAC treatment and 25 patients for silver dressing]. consideration measures were all diabetic foot wounds with age going between 50-65 years of age, the individuals who have noteworthy blood vessel stenosis and deprived for revascularization, venous ulcer, non-atherosclerotic infections, for example, burger's malady

and vasculitis and the individuals who are on oral hypoglycemic medications as opposed to insulin were avoided from the examination.

Method of the investigation: All patients remembered for the examination will be submitted to appropriate history taking and clinical appraisal at that point blood tests for; CBC, HBA1c, fasting and post prandial glucose tests, serum creatinine, serum urea and swab culture test from the injury. X-beam will be attempted to the influenced appendage with routine blood vessel shading Doppler to all cases to prohibit critical blood vessel stenosis. The individuals who are with noteworthy stenosis will be precluded from the investigation. All patients will have prober careful debridement and wound water system utilizing typical saline 0.9% and povidone iodine, at that point they will be partitioned into 2 gatherings those in the principal gathering will have silver containing treatment a short time later. The subsequent gathering will have silver based dressing utilizing vacuum dressing. 12 out of 25 [48%] patients in the silver gathering were females though 13 out of 25 cases [52%] were guys.

In King abd al Azeez study The interim required for killing contamination, emergency clinic length of stay [LOS], and the interim of complete mending of the ulcers were the essential results. Optional result was to connect the interim of ulcer recuperating with span of diabetes, hemoglobin A1c, and nearness of nephropathy or neuropathy. Results: There was no huge distinction in the segment information, size of the ulcers, mean term of diabetes, and clinical and research facility information between both the gatherings [P > 0.05]. The interim to destroy disease and medical clinic LOS were diminished in the silver treatment bunch contrasted with nectar treatment gathering, yet the distinction doesn't arrive at a factual noteworthiness [P > 0.05]; the table shows additionally that the interim required for complete ulcer recuperating was shorter in MH bunch than the silver hydrophilic dressing bunch [P > 0.05, insignificant]. In both the gatherings, the span of mending was fundamentally associated with the patient age, pretreatment level of HbA1c, pretreatment length of the ulcer, and the ulcer size; notwithstanding, there was no noteworthy connection with sex and term of diabetes. Ends: The current investigation checked the viability of MH-impregnated dressings and the controlled delivery silver hydrophilic dressings in controlling injury contamination and advancing the total recuperating of neuropathic ulcers. In our examination wound size was assessed at regular intervals. Mean injury size toward the start of the investigation in Vac.

Gathering was  $\pm 34$  cm<sup>2</sup> and was  $\pm 29.5$  cm<sup>2</sup> in silver gathering in the wake of closure the investigation twisted size in Vac. Gathering and silver gathering were  $\pm 3.4$  cm and  $\pm 6.2$  individually. In VAC. Gathering 21 out of 25 [84%] cases have controlled contamination mean time required for annihilation of disease was  $11.3 \pm 3.1$  days though in silver gathering 22 out of 25 cases [88%] have controlled disease. The

time required for silver gathering for destruction of contamination was  $9.4 \pm 2.4$  days. In King Abdel Aziz study, they measure time required for destruction of contamination and it was  $11.1 \pm 2.3$  days for Manuka nectar dressing gathering and  $10.9 \pm 2.25$  days for silver dressing bunch. Also, we looked at paces of recuperating in the two gatherings it was 84% in the two gatherings and cases required higher removal were 4 cases in each gathering 16% [ 2 ] .

The current examination confirmed that vacuum dressing is more viable than silver dressing in diabetic foot wounds concerning mending time and medical clinic remain. There is no huge distinction in annihilation of contamination between the two modalities. In the matter of cost silver dressing is more modest than vacuum dressing in single week dressing however because of diminishing season of twisted mending there isn't contrast in complete expense was seen between those two modalities.

**Case (1)** 53 years old male patient with infected right heel after good debridement [vacuum group].



**Fig (1)** Before debridement



**Fig (2)** After debridement



**Fig (3)** 2 weeks on vacuum dressing

**Case (2)** 56 years old female patient with infected heel and gangrenous patch [silver group].



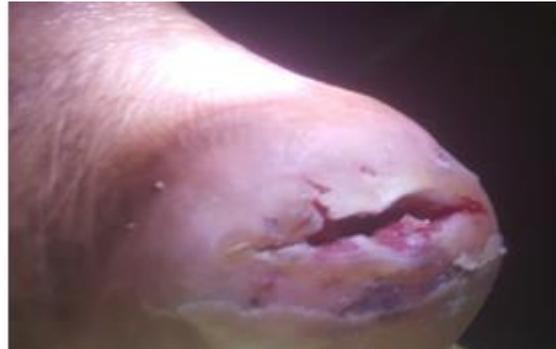
**Fig (4.1)** Before debridement



**Fig ( 4.2 )** 1 Week after dressing



**Fig (4.3)** 2 weeks on silver dressing



**Fig (4.4)** 40 days on silver dressing

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