



Wound-Healing Technologies: Low-Level Laser and Vacuum- Assisted Closure: Evidence Report/Technology Assessment Number 111

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Createspace, United States, 2014. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 279 x 216 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Chronic wounds are a major source of morbidity, lead to considerable disability, and are associated with increased mortality; therefore, they have a significant impact on public health and the expenditure of healthcare resources. The incidence of chronic wounds in the United States is approximately 5 to 7 million per year, and the annual cost for management of these wounds is greater than \$20 billion. In addition, chronic wounds can lead to complications, such as infections, contractures, depression or limb amputation. These complications are associated with a need for assisted living and with higher mortality. The objective of this report is to systematically review the evidence on the outcomes of two technologies for wound healing: low-level laser therapy and vacuum-assisted closure. This report addresses the following specific questions: 1. In the treatment of chronic nonhealing wounds, what are the outcomes of low-level laser therapy for specific indications and patient types as a substitute for conventional therapy? Or as an adjunct to conventional therapy, compared with conventional therapy alone? 2. In the treatment of acute or chronic wounds, what are...



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