



Chronic Wounds or Hard to Heal Ulcers: Updating Epidemiology, Physiopathology, and Therapies-Part II

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Message from the Guest Editor

Currently, there is intense debate about the terminology, etiology, and epidemiology of so-called chronic wounds, and about current strategies for their prevention and management. Researchers usually use terms such as “chronic wound”, “skin ulcer”, and “hard-to-heal wound or ulcer” indistinctly. However, for certain types of wound, the terminology is changing due to new insights into their physiopathology and etiology; this has led to new theoretical models of wound development, for instance, the progression from decubitus or bed sores to pressure ulcers, and then, to pressure injuries.

This highlights the urgent need for new approaches and new, higher-quality research, requiring further understanding of the whole process, from etiology to wound healing.

In this Special Issue of the *Journal of Clinical Medicine* on chronic or hard-to-heal wounds, we intend to present cutting-edge original research and systematic, integrative, or scoping reviews on the epidemiology, risk factors, and physiopathology of those wounds; additionally, we welcome research on existing strategies and clinical approaches to prevention and treatment.





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