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Abstract Details

Title:

Universal health coverage and NTDs: implementation of chronic wounds management model in CÔte d'Ivoire

Category:

Communicable diseases (Malaria, TB, HIV, NTD)

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Objectives:

Prevent, identify and treat early by removal direct and indirect wound management cost

Method:

The project was co-designed from 2019 to 2024, and we implemented a wound management model in a multidisciplinary collaboration, together with the local nurses and community in Taabo in CÔte d'Ivoire. The model is based on the core competence of community health workers derived WHO protocol. They were trained to recognize and treat wounds, refer complicated wounds. Nutritional support and treatment costs and indirect costs of care were covered as incentives and humanitarian supports.

Results:

The study attracted and recruited 1690 wounds patients from 2019-2022 who were treated by reducing the healing time by half. The project maintained an evidence-based, affordable wound prevention and management strategy which promoted patients' use of the health services offered to them. Patients underlying conditions causing or impacting on wound healing were diagnosed.

Conclusion:

To sustain such services the health system should address the issue of motivation and appropriate, uninterrupted payment of CHWs and nurses. Training health staff, including regular refresher courses and community education to prevent, identify wounds early and appropriate simple self-care reduce the cost to the patient.

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