



## Chronic Wounds or Hard to Heal Ulcers: Updating Epidemiology, Physiopathology, and Therapies

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Currently, there is an intense debate about the terminology, etiology, epidemiology, and current strategies for the prevention and management of so-called chronic wounds. Specifically, for certain types of wounds, the terminology is changing due to new insights into the physiopathology and etiology, leading to new theoretical models of wound development, for instance, the trend from decubitus or bed sores to pressure ulcers and, now, to pressure injuries. The case is similar for leg or lower extremity wounds, where different etiologies could be present. Nevertheless, such types of lesions are a remarkable public health problem due to the high numbers of people suffering from them, leading to a high impact on the direct cost burden and indirect indicators such as the quality of life of people suffering from wounds, and their families.

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