B. 4. WOUND IMPACT QUALITY OF LIFE QUESTIONNAIRE

4.1. Purpose and Instructions for the Cardiff Wound Impact Questionnaire (optional when need identified) Used with permission.

Purpose

Quality of Life (QoL) is defined as the patient’s satisfaction or evaluation of their own life compared with what they expect to be possible at this stage of their life. It is a subjective, qualitative measure that generally covers four domains: physical functional status, symptoms and side effects, social functioning and psychological state. The Cardiff Wound Impact Schedule (CWIS) was devised to assess health-related quality of life in patients with chronic wounds of the lower limb (Price and Harding 2004). It has been validated for venous ulcers in particular (Price and Harding 2004) and linguistically for translation into French, German and US English (Acquadro et al 2005). It has also been used for assessing QoL in individuals with other wound types, for example pilonidal sinus wounds (Karakayali et al 2009).

Instructions

This tool should ideally be completed by the individual with a wound either at time of admission or when a negative attitude about their quality of life due to the wound is identified. The initial wound screen (Section B.1) contains three questions about QoL to help identify those individuals where further assessment on the impact of the wound is indicated, and possible social work consult may be needed.

If the form is used, the Cardiff Wound Healing Research Unit asks that individuals share their anonymised raw data in relation to the CWIS, as they are hoping to develop standardized norms for the questionnaire.

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