

Our Speakers



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Agenda

State of wound care in Home Health

Wound care foundations: People and Process

Discussion:

- Staffing Challenges
- Strategies that help
- Industry outlook and trends



The state of Home Health pre-Covid



Realignment of Risk and Reward due to PDGM



Market Share Land Grab



New Financial Incentives



Combat Cash Flow, Shrinking Margins and Bankruptcy

New Pressures on Home Health



More reliance on technology and tools, i.e. telehealth options



Higher supply costs i.e. PPE



Staffing even greater challenge and less efficient



Confusion around reimbursements and financial tools

Did you know?



Medicare beneficiaries have wounds



Expected new wounds by 2025



Home health patients require wound care



National volume of wound claims in home health last year (between Q3 2018 - Q2 2019)

^{1.} https://www.liebertpub.com/doi/pdf/10.1089/wound.2019.0946

^{2.} Chronic Wound Epidemic Cited in U.S., June 7, 2016, Healogics Inc., Surgical Product Magazine

^{3.} Carol Hall Ellenbecker; Linda Samia; Margaret J. Cushman; Kristine Alster, "Patient Safety and Quality: An Evidence-Based Handbook for Nurses"

^{4.} Trella Health, Medicare FFS claims, reporting period is Q3 2018 - Q2 2019.

You may already be managing patients with wounds...





Risk



Reward

"I'm using our successful wound care program to gain more referrals and better market my agency"

"I know everything related to wound care at my agency"



VISIBILITY

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EFFICIENCY



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Process & People

- → Ensuring access to wound care experts
- → Developing standardized, evidence-based best practices
- → Delivering ongoing education and training



Insert Wound Care Expertise





Best Practice for High Quality Care



Evidence based wound care program and formulary



Educated, specialized staff



Documentation, tracking, and reporting



Facilitation cross continuum

Developing Standardized, Evidence-based Best Practices



Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality



Trusted evidence. Informed decisions Better health.



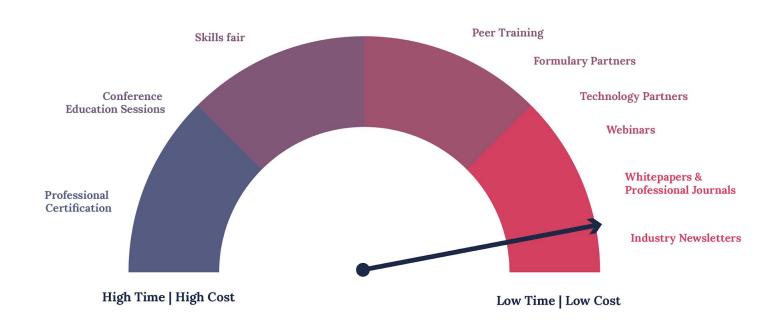








Delivering ongoing education and training



What should you use technology for?



Gaining visibility - in the field especially



Track clinical progress



Increase clinical standardization



Information sharing with physicians, hospitals and payers



Improve quality in specific clinical domains



Demonstrate technology and clinical leadership

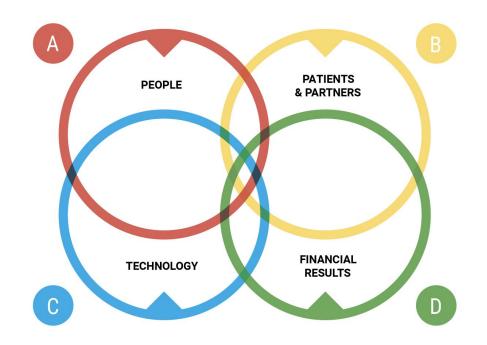


Help patients care for themselves



Help enable clinicians to practice at the top of their license

Technology on its own is not the solution





An introduction to Bianca Salazar

Bianca Salazar is the Nursing Director at Americare In Home Care. Serving San Antonio, it's Veterans and the surrounding counties since 2018.

Bianca has been a part of the home health industry since 2005, filling many roles including working as a field nurse, QA, Nurse Manager as well as in administration.

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Q&A



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What was the biggest staffing challenge before the pandemic?





Are staffing challenges different now?





How do you keep your team engaged?





How do you position your agency to attract the right talent?





What processes have helped nurses the most in running a successful wound care program?

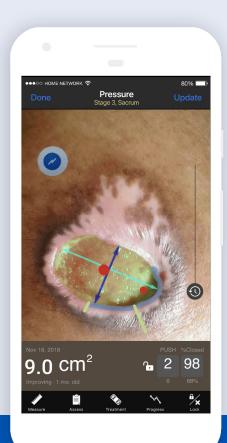




How is wound care different post covid?







The right tools are those that get out of the way and let your nurses do what they do best.

Swift Skin and Wound makes exceptional wound care possible. Easily and consistently photograph, measure and document wounds at the point of care. Agency-level dashboards provide real-time visibility into your wound care population.



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