

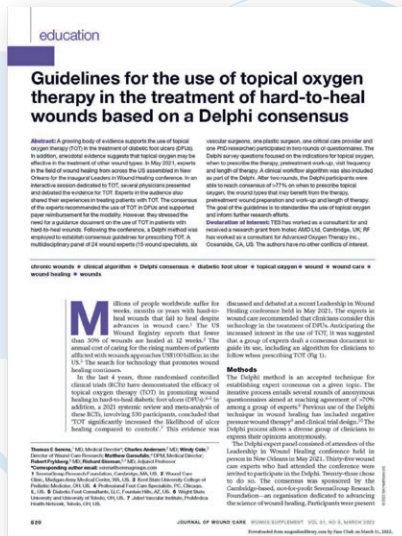
Delphi Consensus on Guidelines for the Use of Topical Oxygen

The Delphi method is an accepted technique for establishing expert consensus on a given topic. The process aims at anonymously reaching agreement of >70%.

EXPERTS AGREE

Delphi participants reach[ed] a consensus on when to prescribe topical oxygen.

The consensus of the experts recommended the use of TOT in DFUs and supported payer reimbursement for the modality.



“The use of topical oxygen in the treatment of DFUs and potentially other hard-to-heal wounds is supported by a large segment of the wound care community”

Consensus Statements:

TOT should be considered in the following circumstances

- Delayed wound healing
- Failure of prior therapies
- Ischemic ulcers

Wound types likely to benefit from TOT

- Diabetic foot ulcers
- Venous leg ulcers
- Ischemic ulcers

Frequency of Patient Visits

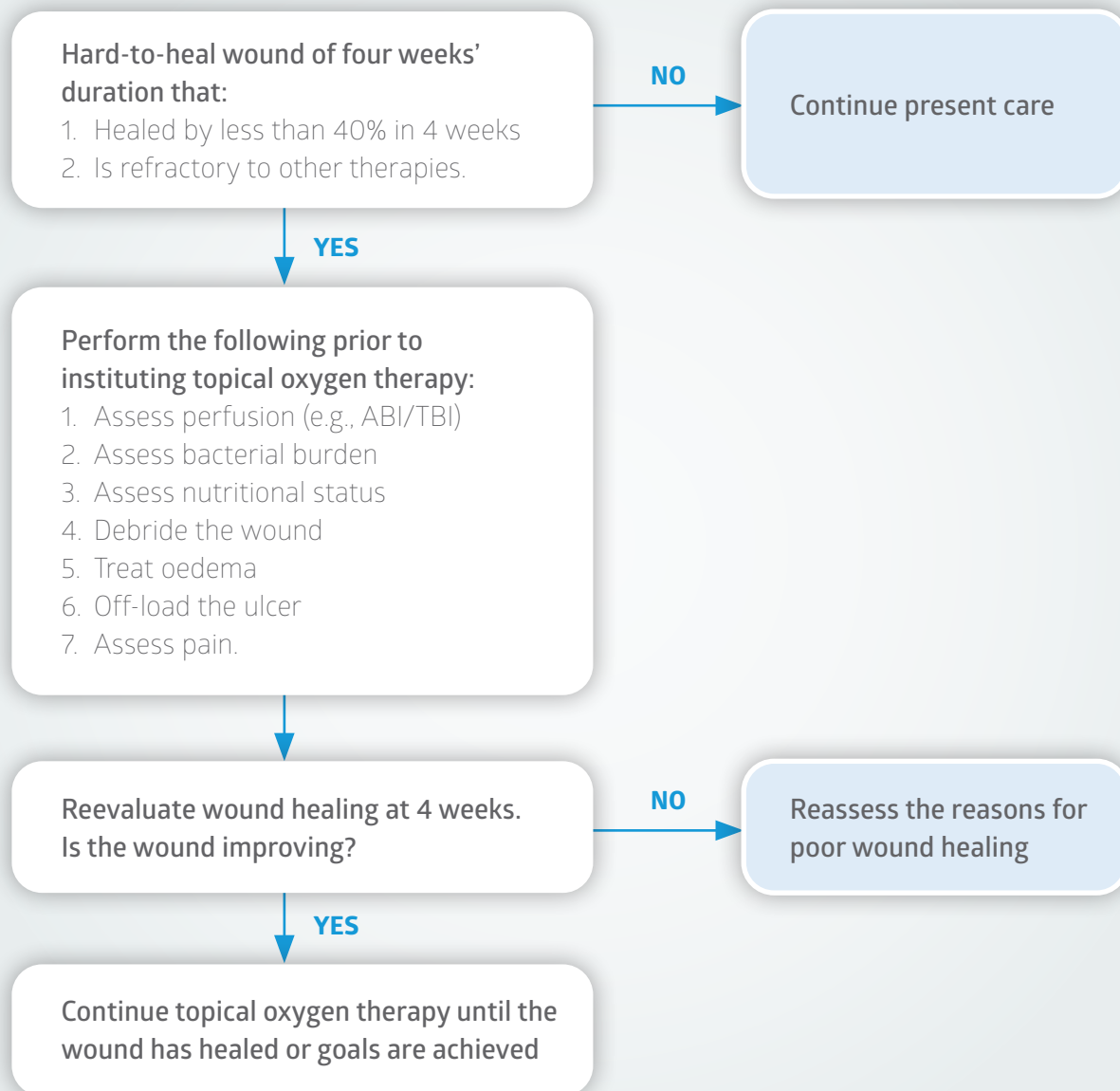
- Patients should be seen at least weekly

Duration of Treatment

- Reassess the wound every 4 weeks and continue TOT as long as the wound is improving

Fig 1. Topical oxygen clinical algorithm

ABI-ankle-brachial index; TBI-toe-brachial index

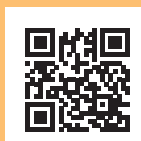


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