



CASE STUDY

Chronic Diabetic Neuropathic Foot Ulcer



Cost Savings Through the Addition of MIST® Therapy to Standard Wound Care

Background

Neuropathic foot ulcers are a serious complication of diabetes. 24 million Americans have diabetes¹ and 15% or 3.6 million will develop a lower extremity ulcer at some time.²

Patient Profile: 76-year-old Male⁵

Conditions: Type I diabetes, hypertension, peripheral artery disease, venous insufficiency, peripheral neuropathy, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and total knee replacement (right).

Care Setting: Long-term Care

Pre-MIST® Therapy

Wound: Wagner Grade III ulcer of the right plantar heel with chronic osteomyelitis that had been **non-healing for 14 years**.

Area: 4.5 cm x 3.4 cm = 15.3 cm²

Volume: 4.5 cm x 3.4 cm x 1.4 cm = 21.4 cm³

Wound bed was 25% slough with bone and tendon exposure, chronic osteomyelitis and copious drainage consistent with pseudomonas.

Treatments: Compression therapy with bandages and garments, sharp and surgical debridement, negative pressure wound therapy (NPWT) and offloading shoes.

Amputation recommended by vascular and infectious disease physicians.

MIST® Therapy was added to standard wound care three times a week.

Post-MIST® Therapy

Outcomes: After 26 MIST® Therapy treatments over 8 weeks the **wound closed completely**. The patient was able to return home independently with his limb intact.

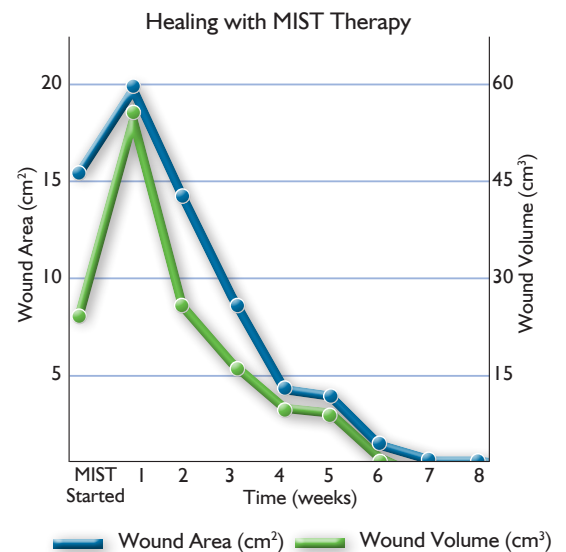
92,000 annual amputations are due to diabetes³

84% ➤

Started as a simple ulcer⁴

50% ➤

Experience a second amputation within 5 years⁴



Infection can be a barrier to wound healing. The mechanical stress of the MIST® Therapy sound waves has been shown to disrupt biofilm and cause bacterial cell death in a wide range of bacterial types including MRSA, VRE and Pseudomonas.⁶⁻⁹

Potential Cost Savings †



Average Cost of Care for Diabetic Foot Ulcer: \$13,017 Annually³ \$182,238



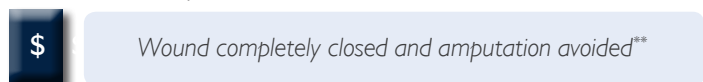
No Wound Closure

Time → 14 Years

Average Cost of Amputation¹⁰: \$84,544



MIST® Therapy and Standard Care: \$3,844*



8 Weeks

The addition of MIST® Therapy to the treatment of a non-healing diabetic foot ulcer results in significant cost savings. Not only did this wound heal after 14 years of standard wound care failed, but an amputation was avoided.

* Cost was determined using \$565/week (\$60 canisters, \$36 for dressings, \$469 rental) for negative pressure wound therapy (NPWT) and enzymatic debridement (\$36) for 4 weeks (assumes 3 dressing changes per week) and \$180/week was added for MIST® Therapy (\$60 each for applicators/rental) for 8 weeks. Cost of extended care and infection treatment not included in this analysis.

** Results with MIST® Therapy are not necessarily representative of and may vary with each patient.

† This economic analysis is based upon empirical evidence and has not been derived from a formal cost effectiveness study.

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