

# Topical antimicrobial dressings for locally infected leg ulcers: late-stage assessment

Information for the public

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You should have access to a topical antimicrobial dressing that is clinically appropriate and meets your needs and preferences.

You and your healthcare professional should decide together which topical antimicrobial dressing to use (see the [NICE webpage on shared decision making](#)). Decisions should take into account how the choice of topical antimicrobial dressing might affect your quality of life, including your:

- physical health
- mental health and wellbeing
- relationships with others
- ability to complete day-to-day activities.

## Things to consider when having treatment for a locally infected leg ulcer

- You should, where possible, be offered options that meet your needs and preferences.
- You should be involved when deciding which topical antimicrobial dressing to use.
- You should be given information on the antimicrobial dressing that is being prescribed.
- You should be given support if you have any problems and want to change to another type of topical antimicrobial dressing.

## Information and support

The [NHS webpage on venous leg ulcers](#) may be a good place to find out more.

The [Lindsay Leg Club Foundation](#) (01473 749565) can give you advice and support.

You can also get support from your local [Healthwatch](#).

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