Patient with Severe Re-Occurring Hidradenitis Treated with Fentonite-Based Hydrogel That Resolved Ulcers and Fistulas in Five Weeks

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PATIENT BACKGROUND

EG is a 40-year-old patient with severe re-occurring hidradenitis. Hidradenitis suppurativa, especially in its severe form, causes significant discomfort and disability. As the disease progresses from mild to severe, the symptoms and pain intensify and become more widespread. EG has a history of diabetes, hypertension, asthma, and tobacco use. Historically, EG has had hidradenitis with ulcerations in the perirectal area and the auxiliary areas. She presented to Tucson Medical Center emergency room with a perirectal abscess and perirectal fistula and abscess. The wounds were debrided by a TMC surgeon that further excised the necrotic tissue. The resulting wounds were a 6.5 x 4.5 vulvar wound and a 2.5 x 2.5 perirectal wound.

TREATMENT PLAN

EG was sent to our clinic for follow up care. Her first visit at the clinic was April 28, 2023. EG was in a lot of pain and discomfort. She was treated with TrueRelief (a neuromodulation device to improve blood flow and pain control). The patient’s wounds were cleansed and then dressed with AgFresh®. The wounds were covered with 4x4 gauze. The patient was seen daily to assess the healing progress. The patient immediately got pain relief after the application of the AgFresh™ and TrueRelief treatment.

OUTCOME

EG responded well to the AgFresh® treatment plan and healed in 5 weeks. The patient was released from our care.

INVESTIGATORS

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