

THE USE OF EVIDENCE-BASED WOUND HEALING IN REAL-LIFE SETTINGS

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Strategically, the generation of research alone will have little impact on clinical outcomes unless the outputs from the research are applied to practice appropriately. Indeed, The Health Research Board of Ireland's (HRB) strategy 2010-2014 argues that although there is much emphasis on the development of evidence, all too often there is a research-practice gap, due to a lack of attention placed on the evaluation and synthesis of existing evidence. Thus, to ensure that we are embracing the concept of evidence-based practice (EBP), certain skills are needed to determine which evidence is valuable and which is not. The HRB evidence based cycle suggests that there are some key steps which, if followed, will ensure that EBP moves from a dream to a reality. This presentation will outline some of these key steps, thereby providing clarity on how to move from research generation to evidence based practice.