

#### Cold plasma "Wound-Sanitizer" – in use observation pilot case study

#### Goal:

The recognition of the spectrum of action of the "Wound Sanitizer" in the routine treatment of chronic and secondary healing wound patients. Reactions to inflammation and infection, as well as healing tendencies in terms of granulation and epithelialization. Likewise, changes in the wound environment in the range of the pH value.

#### Inclusion criteria:

- Wounds of any genesis with a previous frustrating local therapy over 2 months.
- Secondary wounds that are difficult to heal
- Inflammation and local infections

#### Exclusion criteria:

- Antibiotic the last 2 weeks before starting treatment with the "Wound Sanitizer".
- Dry, black necrosis
- Allergies and/or intolerances to local therapy with the "Wound Sanitizer"

#### Procedure:

- Cleaning the wound through a wet phase with a wound irrigation solution
- Application of the plasma-enriched aerosol over 3 minutes
- Covering the wound with a non-active wound dressing (spacer grid)
- Secondary dressing with non-active foam or suction compress.

#### Duration of observation:

- 4 weeks
- Visual documentation at the beginning and 1x weekly
- Treatment with "Wound Sanitizer" 2x weekly

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#### Case 1:

Diagnosis: Ulc. Crur. Ven.

Gender: female

Localization: Ankle outside li Duration: 14 weeks

#### **Day 0:**



Exudate: moderate

Wound base: no epithelialization, granulation, slight plaque

Infection: no local signs of infection

Depth: superficial

Area: Environment dry, scaly, slightly reddened

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#### <u>Case 1</u> <u>Day 7</u>



Exudate: moderate

Wound base: already onset of epithelialization, granulation, slight plaque

Infection: no local signs of infection

Depth: superficial

Area: Environment slightly reddened

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#### <u>Case 1</u> <u>Day 14</u>



Exudate: little

Wound base: mostly epithelial

Infection: no local signs of infection

Depth: superficial

Area: slightly reddened

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# Case 1 Day 21



Exudate: little

Wound base: almost complete epithelialization, little plaque

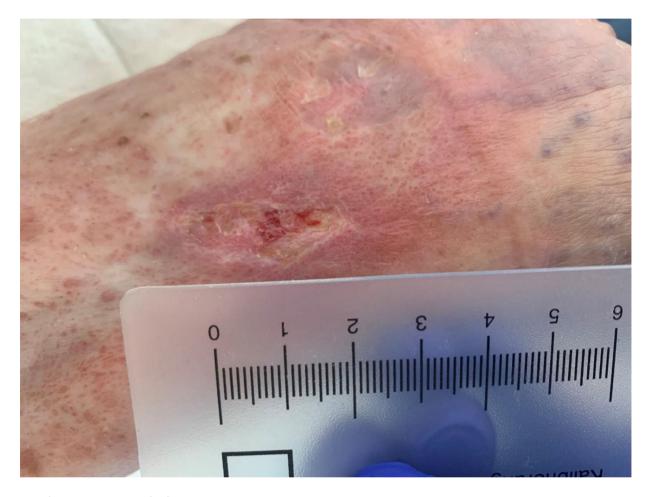
Infection: no local signs of infection

Depth: superficial

Area: slightly reddened

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#### <u>Case 1</u> Day 28



Exudation: little

Wound base: almost completely healed Infection: no local signs of infection

Depth: superficial

Area: no special features

#### **Summary:**

Since the beginning of local therapy with the "Wound – Sanitizer", increasing epithelialization and decrease of fibrin deposits. Due to the rapid reduction of the wound area, there was also a decrease in the amount of wound exudate.

The patient did not report a negative feeling about the therapy.

Within the observation period of 4 weeks, almost complete wound closure occurred.

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**Case 2:** 

Diagnosis: times perf. Plant., DM II

Gender: male

Localization: Foot plantar left

Duration: 17 weeks

Day 0



Exudate: a lot

Wound base: granulation, wound pocket after distal Infection: slight redness after distal and proximla

Depth: wound pocket about 2 cm

Area: wound edge macerated; area slightly keratinized

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#### <u>Case 2</u> <u>Day 7</u>



Exudation: moderate

Wound base: granulation and incipient epithelialization

infection: no local signs of infection

Depth: Wound pocket after distal about 1 cm

Area: Wound edge slightly macerated, wound area slightly keratinized

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Fall2 Day

14



Exudation: little

Wound base: large-scale epithelialization, granulation

Infection: no local signs of infection

Depth: no wound pockets, superficial

Area: Wound area slightly keratinized

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#### <u>Case 2</u> <u>Day 21</u>



Exudation: little

Wound base: large-scale epithelization, granulation

Infection: no local signs of infection

Depth: superficial

Area: Wound area slightly keratinized

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#### <u>Case 2</u> Day 28



Exudate: none

Wound base: complete epithelial Infection: no local signs of infection

Depth:

Area: slightly keratinized

#### **Summary:**

The patient came forward after a long frustrating treatment by the MVZ with the recommendation of amputation of the 5th toe strand. Already after a short time with the treatment with the "Wound – Sanitizer" a positive progression of the course of wound healing. The wound pocket was closed after 2 weeks, so that after 4 weeks a complete wound closure had to be detected.

Further therapy recommendation: regular podiatric treatment and adequate footwear.

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Case 3

Diagnosis: P.S. Healing after bypass

Gender: Male Localization: Tibia left Duration: 14 weeks

**Day: 0** 



Exudate: a lot

Wound base: mostly occupied, granulation, fatty tissue

Infection: slightly reddened, a lot of exudate (bloody, greenish)

Depth: wound pocket after proximal

Area: no specialties

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### Fall3



Exudation: moderate

Wound base: fibrin coating, granulation

Infection: slight redness

Depth: no more wound pocket

Area: no specialties

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<u>Case 3</u> <u>Day 14</u>



Exudation: moderate

Wound base: decrease in fibrin, granulation

Infection: slightly reddened

Depth: superficial

Area: slightly reddened

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<u>Case 3</u> <u>Day 21</u>



Exudation: little

Wound base: epithelialization and granulation

Infection: no local signs of infection

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#### <u>Case 3</u> Day 28



Exudate: little

Wound base: epithelialization

Infection: no local infection signs

Depth: superficial

Area: no special features

#### **Summary:**

Deep wound healing per sekundam with a lot of greenish exudate in the sense of infection with Gram bacteria. After treatment with the "Wound-Sanitizer" there was a rapid decrease in the amount of exudate. Exudate color bloody, serous after 2x treatment. Subsequently, there was a rapid onset of epithelialization and granulation. On the last day of the observation period, there was an almost complete wound closure with beautiful scarring.

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#### Case 4

Diagnosis: Z.n. Amputation

Gender: male

Localization: Dig V plans right

Duration: 3 weeks

Day 0



Exudate: moderate

Wound base: fibrin coating, granulation Infection: no local signs of infection

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#### <u>Case 4</u> <u>Day 7</u>



Exudate: moderate

Wound base: fibrin coating, granulation, slight epithelialization from the edge of the wound

Infection: no local signs of infection

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# Case 4 Day

14



Exudate: moderate

Wound base: fibrin coating, granulation, epithelialization

infection: no local signs of infection

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<u>Case 4</u> <u>Day 21</u>



Exudate: moderate

Wound base: fibrin coating, granulation, increase in epithelialization

Infection: no local signs of infection

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#### <u>Case 4</u> <u>Day 28</u>



Exudate: moderate

Wound base: decrease in fibrin coating, granulation, increase in epithelialization

infection: no local signs of infection

Depth: superficial

Area: without specialties

#### **Summary:**

Amputation due to vascular occlusion. After revascularization and amputation of the 5th toe, local therapy with the "Wound – Sanitizer". Already after a very short time reduction of the wound area and increase in epithelialization.

Additional therapy: pressure relief through adequate footwear.

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#### Case 5

Diagnosis: Traumatic due to self-harm

Gender: Male Localization: Abdomen **Duration:** 3 weeks

Day 0



Exudate: a lot

granulation Wound ground: Infection: Gram - rod

Depth: 1 cm

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#### <u>Case 5</u> <u>Day 7</u>



Exudate: moderate

Wound base: granulation, incipient epithelialization infection: smear negative, no local signs of infection

depth: 0.5 cm

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Case 5



Exudate: moderate

Wound base: granulation, progressive epithelialization

Infection: no local signs of infection

Depth: superficial

Area: without special features

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### <u>Case 5</u>



Exudate: moderate

Wound base: granulation, increasing epithelialization, wound area significantly smaller

infection: no local signs of infection

Depth: superficial

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#### <u>Case 5</u> Day 28



Exudate: little

Wound base: granulation, increasing epithelialization, wound area significantly smaller

Infection: no local signs of infection

Depth: superficial

Area: without special features

#### **Summary:**

Pat with self-injury with scissors. Wound initially strongly exuding, greenish exudate, no healing tendency by treatment by the family doctor.

Rapid decrease in microbial load after 2 treatments with the "Wound – Sanitizer". Conspicuously rapid epithelialization from the edge of the wound

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Case 6

Diagnosis: Metal removal after implant infection

Gender: Male

Localization: inner ankle left

duration: 4 weeks

Day 0



Exudate: A lot

Wound base: plaque

Infection: Redness, pain, smear: staphylococci, streptococci

Depth:

weeping, inflammatory, eczematous Area:

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#### <u>Case 6</u> <u>Day 1</u>



Exudate: moderate

Wound base: occupied, granulation

Infection: slight redness at the edge of the wound

Depth: 2 cm

Area: significant improvement of the skin condition

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<u>Case 6</u> <u>Day 2</u>



Exudate: moderate Wound base: granulation

Infection: no local infection signs

Depth: 2 cm

Area: significant improvement

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## Case 6 Day 3



Exudate: moderate Wound base: granulation

Infection: no local signs of infection

Depth: 1.5 cm

Area: significant improvement

#### **Summary:**

Pat after metal removal in case of infection of the implant. Wound environment clearly affected. Strongly weeping, eczematous, reddened. Special attention to the course of the skin situation through the application of "Wound – Sanitizer". Already on the following day significant improvement of the skin condition, without the use of additional steroid-containing topicals.

After 3 days of use with cold plasma almost normal skin condition.

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#### Case 7

Diagnosis: Diabetic ulcer

Gender: Male Localization: Big toe **Duration:** 5 weeks

Day 0



Exudate: moderate

Wound base: fibrin coating, granulation

Infection: redness Depth: superficial

Wound edge slightly macerated, wound environment partly scaly, dry, keratinized Area:

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#### <u>Case 7</u> <u>Day 7</u>



Exudate: moderate

Wound base: slightly occupied, granulation infection: no local signs of infection

depth: superficial

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<u>Case 7</u> <u>Day 14</u>



Exudate: moderate Wound base: granulation

Infection: no local infection signs

Depth: superficial

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Case 7
Day 21



Exudate: moderate

Wound base: granulation, incipient epithelialization

Infection: no local signs of infection

Depth: superficial

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#### <u>Case 7</u> Day 28



Exudate: moderate

Wound base: slightly occupied, granulation, increasing epithelialization

Infection: no local signs of infection

Depth: superficial

Area: without specialties

#### **Summary:**

Pat after weeks of self-therapy with various means. After the start of therapy with the "Wound –Sanitizer" increasing improvement of the wound situation.

Rapid decrease in signs of inflammation and rapid onset of epithelialization

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Case 8

Diagnosis: traumatic injury in existing skin graft

Gender: male

Localization: Achilles tendon

Duration: 3 weeks

Day 0



Exudate: moderate

Wound base: plaque

Infection: no local infection signs

Depth: 0.5 cm

Area: dry, scaly, wound edge edematous

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#### Case 8

#### **Day 7**



Exudate: moderate

Wound base: plaque, granulation, already onset of epithelialization

Infection: no local signs of infection

Depth: 0.5 cm

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#### <u>Case 8</u> <u>Day 14</u>



Exudate: moderate

Wound base: granulation, epithelialization Infection: no local signs of infection

Depth: superficial

Area: without special features

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#### <u>Case 8</u> <u>Day 21</u>



Exudate: little

Wound base: granulation, increasing epithelisation

infection: no local signs of infection

Depth: superficial

Area: without special features

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#### <u>Case 8</u> Day 28



Exudate: little

Wound base: significant increase in epithelialization, almost wound closure

Infection: no local signs of infection

Depth: superficial

Area: without special features

#### **Summary:**

Pat injures himself while cycling on skin graft, which had healed for 3 years. Open, gaping wound with visible tendon. Previous treatment by the plastic surgeon, who has recommended a new skin graft as usual with such wounds. Pat wants conservative treatment and avoidance of surgery.

Local therapy with "Wound – Sanitizer" leads to rapid cleansing, granulation and epithelialization of the wound. Almost complete closure during the observation period.

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Case 9

Diagnosis: Ulc.crur. ven Gender: female

Localization: Outer ankles **Duration:** 5 weeks

Day 0



Exudate: a lot Wound base: plaque

Infection: Exudate yellowish, cloudy, redness, pain

Depth: superficial

Redness, slight maceration of the wound area Area:

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### <u>Case 9</u>

**Day 7** 



Exudate: moderate

Wound base: slightly occupied, granulation Infection: Exudate bloody serous, no pain

Depth: superficial

Area: slightly reddened

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# Case 9 Day

14



Exudate: moderate

Wound base: Granulation, significant reduction of wound area

Infection: no local signs of infection

Depth: superficial

Area: without special features

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#### <u>Case 9</u> <u>Day 21</u>



Exudate: moderate

Wound base: granulation, epithelialization Infection: no local signs of infection

Depth: superficial Area: dry, scaly

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### Case 9 Day

28



Exudate: moderate

Wound base: granulation, epithelialization, strong reduction of wound area

Infection: no local signs of infection

Depth: superficial

Area: without specialties

#### **Summary:**

Chronisch venous ulcer for several weeks. Previous therapy through home care. After starting with the "Wound – Sanitizer" immediate, significant improvement of the wound conditions. Very rapid decrease in wound area during the observation period.

Pain already after the 2. Treatment significantly reduced Additional therapy: compression

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#### **Case 10**

Diagnosis: Ulc.crur. ven Sex: female

Localization: Lower leg right

Duration: 7 weeks

#### Day 0



Exudate: A lot Wound base: plaque

Infection: Redness, exudate amount, pain

Depth: superficial

Area: Redness, slight maceration

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#### **Case 10**

Day 7



Exudate: moderate

Wound base: slightly occupied, granulation infection: no local signs of infection

depth: superficial

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### <u>Case 10</u>

**Day 14** 



Exudate: moderate

Wound base: slightly occupied, granulation, onset of epithelialization

Infection: no local signs of infection

Depth: superficial

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Case

<u>10</u>

**Day** 

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Exudate: moderate

Wound base: granulation, progressive epithelialization

infection: no local signs of infection

Depth: superficial

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### <u>Case 10</u>



Exudate: moderate

Wound base: occupied, granulation, significant reduction of wound area

Infection: no local signs of infection

Depth: superficial

Area: without specialties

#### **Summary:**

Frustrane treatment and stagnation of the wound situation over several weeks.

After application with "Wound – Sanitizer" rapid onset of wound healing. Decrease in the signs of infection and reduction in the amount of exudate after a short time. Sharp decrease in wound areas during the observation period Additional therapy: compression

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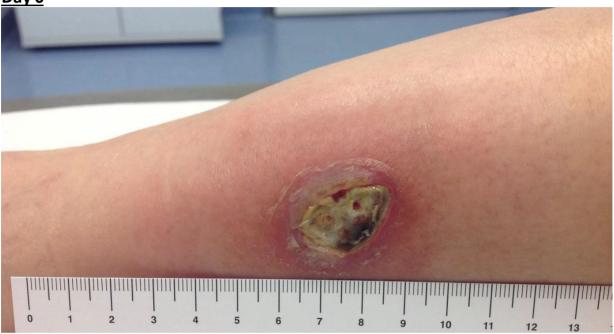
#### **Case 11**

Diagnosis: Ulc.crur. ven gender: female

Localization: Lower leg rebi-side

Duration: 3 weeks

#### Day 0



Exudate: moderate Wound base: plaque

Infection: dark fibrin deposits, redness

Depth: superficial

Area: locally reddened

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### <u>Case 11</u>



Exudate: moderate

Wound base: plaque, granulation Infection: no local infection signs

Depth: superficial

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#### **Case 11**

**Day 14** 



Exudate: moderate

Wound base: slightly occupied, granulation infection: no local signs of infection

depth: superficial

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### <u>Case 11</u>

**Day 21** 



Exudation: moderate

Wound base: slightly occupied, granulation, epithelialization

Infection: no local signs of infection

Depth: superficial

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#### <u>Case 11</u>

**Day 28** 



Exudation: moderate

Wound base: granulation, epithelialization Infection: no local signs of infection

Depth: superficial

Area: without specialties

#### **Summary:**

After the start of local therapy with the "Wound – Sanitizer", rapid removal of deposits and signs of infection. Until the end of the observation period, rapid increase in epithelialization. Additional therapy: compression

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#### **Case 12**

Diagnosis: Ulc.crur. ven

Sex: male

Localization: Lower leg right

Duration: 5 weeks

#### **Day 0**



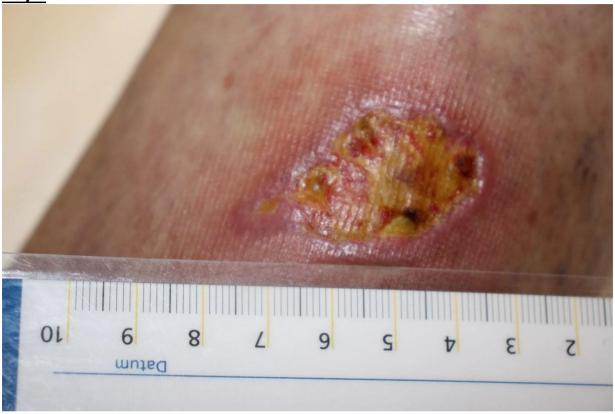
Exudate: little Wound base: plaque

Infection: local redness
Depth: superficial
Area: slight redness

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#### **Case 12**

Day 7



Exudate: little Wound base: plaque

Infection: no local infection signs

Depth: superficial

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### <u>Case 12</u>

**Day 14** 



Exudate: little

Wound base: occupied, granulation Infection: no local infection signs

Depth: superficial

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#### **Case 12**

**Day 21** 



Exudate: little

Wound base: slightly occupied, granulation, massive increase in epithelialization

Infection: no local signs of infection

Depth: superficial

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# **Case 12 Day 28**



Exudate: little

Wound base: granulation, almost complete epithelialization

Infection: no local signs of infection

Depth: superficial

Area: no special features

#### **Summary:**

Rapid reduction of signs of infection. Removal of coverings without additional measures. Unusually rapid epithelialization up to almost wound closure during the observation period. Additional measures: Compression



#### **Summary of the observation results:**

#### Goal:

The recognition of the spectrum of action of the "Wound Sanitizer" in the routine treatment of chronic and secondary healing wound patients. Reactions to inflammation and infection, as well as healing tendencies in terms of granulation and epithelialization. Likewise, changes in the wound environment in the range of the pH value

- 1. Very rapid decrease in the signs of infection
- 2. Inflammation of the skin is reduced in the shortest possible time without additional measures with steroids
- 3. In the case of wounds that are difficult to heal, a positive progression of wound healing could be observed.
- 4. In many cases, wound closure occurs in a very short time
- 5. Fibrin coatings are reduced, granulation and epithelialization are promoted.
- 6. The application is simple and does not require any specially trained personnel
- 7. The **pH value decreases** with each treatment, so that it can be assumed that there is already **stimulation of wound healing** during the treatment.
- 8. No intolerances were found
- 9. The use was classified by the patients as **not noticeable to pleasant**.
- 10. The pain situation could be improved in a short time

In view of previous observations, the "Wound – Sanitizer" can be recommended for the local therapeutic treatment of secondary healing wounds, chronic wounds, infected wounds and inflammation of the skin as a supporting additional measure.

#### USP:

There is very good data on cold atmospheric plasmas, which prove that microorganisms are reduced, and wound healing is promoted by the reaction with the plasma-producing gas.

The Wound Sanitizer differs from other plasma devices on the market in that the plasma is applied to the wound surface in enriched aerosols. This prevents and delays primary adhesion, which is essential for the formation of biofilms.

Also known is the positive effect of plasmas in combination with hyper/hypochlorous acidsolutions on wound healing and reduction of microorganisms.

With the Wound Sanitizer there is the possibility to combine this combination and apply it directly to the wound. Future treatment options are also possible through this type of plasmaproduction

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