

On April 23, 2004, 1:30-3:30 p.m. EDT, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services broadcasted a live two and ½ hour presentation via satellite and Internet web cast on the Science of Wound Care Management. The goal of this broadcast was to provide the viewer with a better understanding on the current state of science in wound care. Accurate Coding for OASIS wound items (M0440-M0488), and Required Assessments between Day 55-60.

The presenters for this broadcast included Dorothy Doughty, MSN, RN, PNP, CWOCN, FAAN, a renowned leader in wound care management from Emory University; as well as staff from CMS; and the Center for Health Services Research, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. The broadcast consisted of pre-recorded and live presentations followed by a live question and answer session, via fax and phone.

This presentation contained material dealing with the clinical aspects of wound care and did not necessarily represent official CMS coverage or payment policy.

This program was mandatory for Regional Office and State Agency HHA survey staff and their supervisors, and State and RO OASIS Educational Coordinators.