

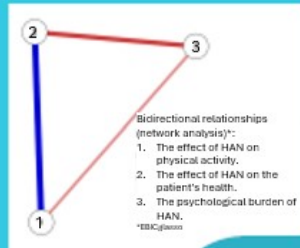
Patients equipped with vascular access

The psychological burden of Home Artificial Nutrition (HAN) decreases with a dressing that allows secure bathing activities.

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We will show and relate how a dressing that allows secure bathing and activities despite a vascular access catheter reduces the perceived weight and psychological burden of home artificial nutrition (HAN) for a patient.

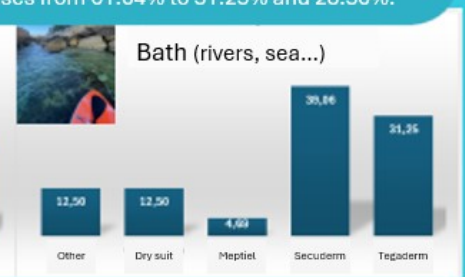
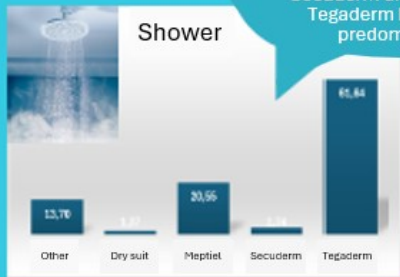
Method: Statistical analysis of the results of the survey "Living with Home Artificial Nutrition" - a survey conducted by "Life by a Thread," the national association of patients on artificial nutrition, and by the "Association of POIC" (Pseudo Obstruction Intestinal Chronic); supported by the FIMATHO network. This large survey received responses from 191 adult patients and caregivers through a questionnaire. This survey contains hundreds of data points, which are statistically analysed here.



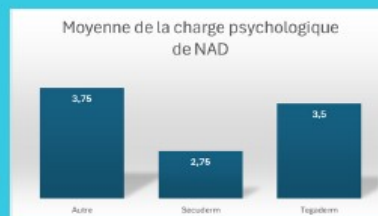
Data analysis shows a significant interrelation between the psychological weight of HAN, physical activity, and the impact of HAN on the patient's health. The graph shows that statistically, problems related to physical activities are strongly and dynamically linked to health impacts. Additionally, there is a direct link between these two dimensions and the psychological weight and burden felt by patients.

Which device for showering? There is a very minor and non-significant use of 2.74% of the Secuderm dressing, with Tegaderm being very predominant.

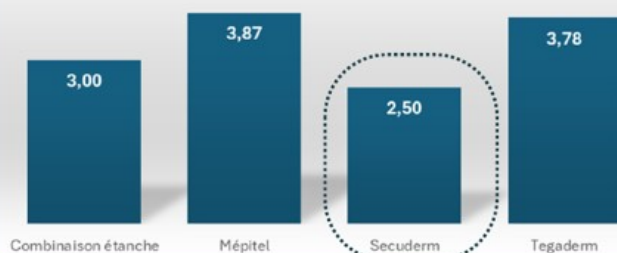
For bathing: Secuderm becomes predominant, increasing from 2.74% to 39.06% and 43.28% for river or sea baths and pool baths. Tegaderm decreases from 61.64% to 31.25% and 28.36%.



The overall level of HAN burden for the patient is increased by the perceived complexity of bathing. Patients using Secuderm represent the groups with the lowest psychological burden.

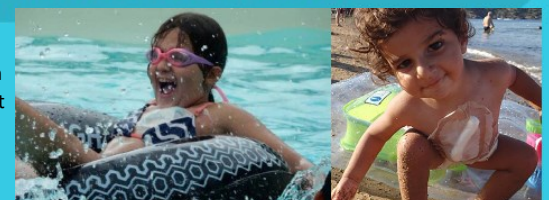


Average HAN psychological burden



CONCLUSION

Patients who bathe have the lowest HAN burden. Patients using Secuderm for bathing have the lowest HAN burden. There is a revealed correlation between bathing, related physical activities, and the impact on health, and the impact on psychological health. Secuderm, which allows bathing and makes related activities possible (boating, e-foil, kayaking, etc.), significantly contributes to reducing the psychological burden of HAN and living with an associated vascular access.



Secuderm

Unique dressing validated by French Navy doctors in immersion. Patented and manufactured in France - Class 1 medical device. Used in the protection of devices, catheters, insulin pumps, glucose meters, or primary dressings. It has become a particular partner in the daily life of patients on parenteral nutrition, especially members of the LVF association "Life by a Thread" and the POIC association.