

# **A Comparative Evaluation of a MPS Dressing and a CMC Dressing on Subjects With Lower Extremity Venous Ulcers**

Venous leg ulcers are lower extremity ulcers that develop due to sustained venous hypertension resulting from chronic venous insufficiency. Varicose veins, deep vein thrombosis, poor calf muscle function, arterio-venous fistulae, obesity and history of leg fracture are some of the risk factors for venous ulceration. Numerous dressing types exist to treat these ulcers. This study will compare a marine polysaccharide (MPS) dressing to a carboxymethylcellulose dressing to determine which dressing better manages these wounds with regard to wound size and periwound skin condition. Subjects will be randomized to receive either MPS-Ag dressing or CMC-Ag dressing.