CPD EVENT RECORD SHOCKWAVE

with James Woledge

This discussion covered the 2 principle modes of thrapeutic shockwave therapy, radial and focused.

Evidence for the benefits of extracorporeal shockwave therapy (ECST) was presented, and was contrasted to the paucity of evidence in some other electrotherapy modalities.

Injuries which were likely to respond well to ECST were outlined and included plantar fasciitis, Achilles tendinopathy, gluteal tendinopathy and tennis elbow. NICE interventional guidelines reflect this.

There is also evidence for the value of ECST in treating non-united fractures.

Absolute contraindications are few and were outlined.

A demonstration of the therapy was given, together with typical treatment times and protocols.



Evaluation, Reflection and Impact on Practice (this part of the certificate is not automatically generated - it has been entered by the participant)

I was intrigued to hear the variety of conditions where Shockwave Therapy can be helpful, as well as being reassured by the extent of evidence supporting this. I am now in a better position to advise my patients about the therapies most likely to be effective for conditions they have.