

The clinical and practical issues associated with dressing use in primary wounds in abdominal surgery: a qualitative study of healthcare professionals' and patients' views

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BACKGROUND



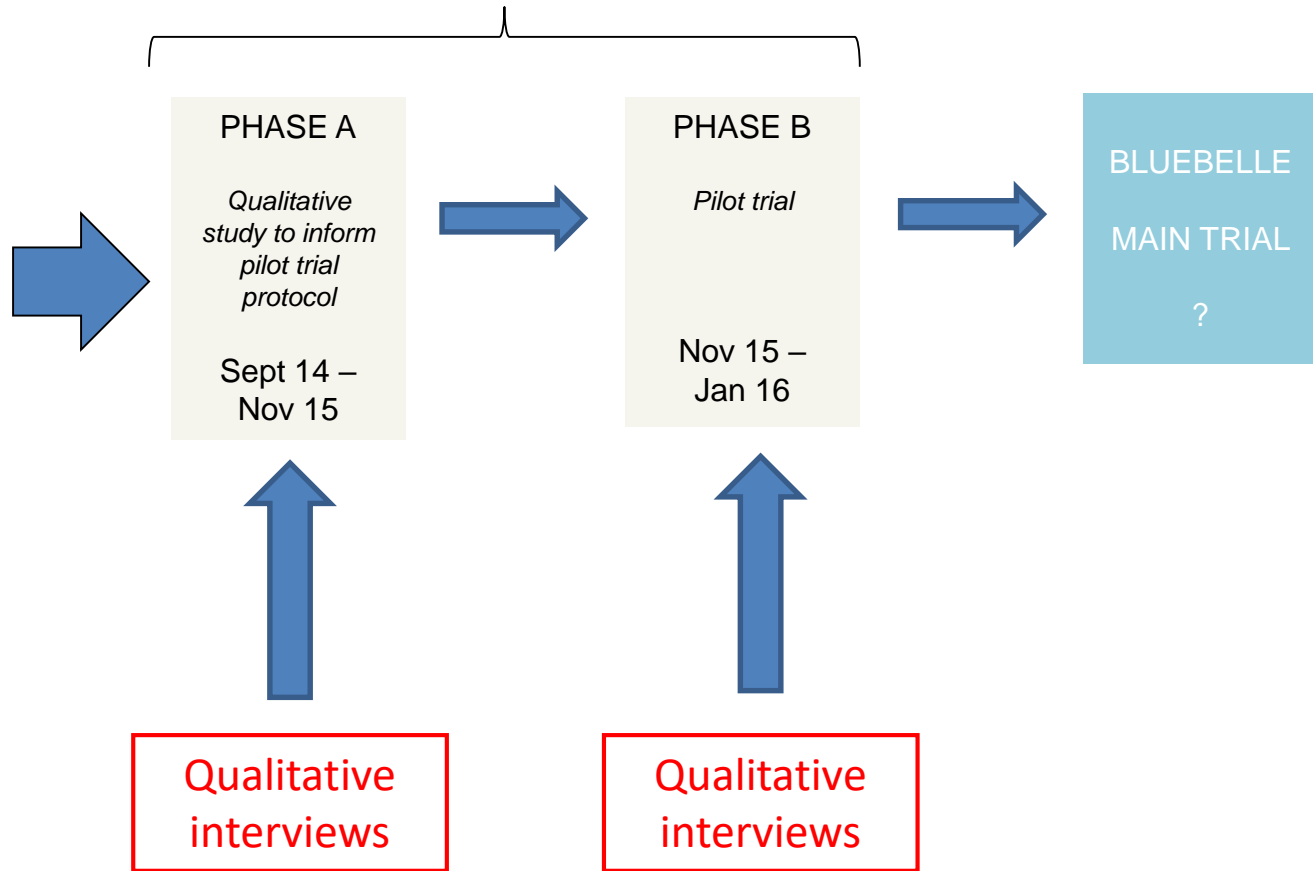
Dressings and the prevention of SSI



FeasiBiLity stUdy of complEx, simple and aBsEnt wound dressings in eLective surgery



Large definitive RCT comparing **simple dressing**, **glue-as-a-dressing** and **no dressing** to reduce SSIs and improve management and patients' experience of surgical wounds?



Aims of Bluebelle qualitative study

To provide an in-depth description of HCPs' and patients' perspectives on the clinical and practical issues associated with the use of standard and novel dressings on primary surgical wounds



Methods

- HCPs, surgeons, ward/theatre nurses, midwives
- Patients who had undergone surgery or were scheduled to undergo surgery
- Range of surgical specialties (lower/upper GI surgery, obstetrics)
- Range of NHS hospital sites in West Midlands
- 2 timepoints

Results

- 106 HCPs and 88 patients
- 3 NHS University teaching hospitals
- 3 district general hospitals

Results (2)



Conclusion and next steps

- Current views are influenced by ingrained practice
- Challenged through experiencing novel dressing strategies within RCT
- Added value of qualitative research
- Phase III trial?

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