

In The News

Caribbean Wounds Network (CariWN) Launched

The Caribbean Wounds Network (CariWN), a non-profit initiative, was launched in early 2024. The organization is taking shape and is planning to hold its inaugural hybrid conference (online and in person) in Barbados on Saturday, June 29, 2024.

CariWN has already garnered clinical participation from Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago, Curacao, St. Maarten, Barbados, St. Kitts and Nevis, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas and Aruba. The organization has also engaged in a partnership with the University of the West Indies.

The initial focus will be on reducing pressure injuries and diabetic foot ulcers, as well as reducing associated amputations.

CariWN is being established as a not-for-profit organization, addressing the increasing burden of wound care throughout the Caribbean. With an estimated annual cost of \$7 billion to health-care systems, there is an urgent need for proper preventative measures, education and health-care services.

The network aims to unite Caribbean nations and leverage resources from the diaspora to collectively tackle the challenges posed by various types of chronic wounds.

CariWN plans to focus on educating health-care professionals, contributing to research, advocating for policy improvements and implementing best practices in wound care. Through establishing partnerships with organizations like Wounds Canada and leveraging technology for knowledge

sharing, CariWN is building capacity and competency in wound management across the Caribbean.

Canadian Podiatric Medical Association Involved In Several Initiatives

The Canadian Podiatric Medical Association (CPMA) has expanded its partnerships, becoming a founding member of the global Limb Preservation Alliance, focusing on driving awareness through media and supporting the implementation of guidelines. The association encourages members to engage on social media to amplify messages related to foot health, diabetes awareness and other campaigns throughout the year. Furthermore, the CPMA is looking to increase its profile in podiatric research and is seeking podiatrists interested in research to join or lead their research committee.

The CPMA are active participants in the Pan-Canadian Diabetic Foot Committee, in conjunction with Wounds Canada and several other organizations.

The recent *FIP Global Podiatry Summit* in March 2024 gathered over 400 participants and included keynote speeches emphasizing teamwork in health care and the role of podiatrists, as well as panels on diabetic foot management and sports medicine. The summit aims to continue advancing podiatric medicine through collaboration and innovation.

The CPMA remains committed to working inter-professionally with other professions on research, advocacy and awareness leading to limb

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D-Foot International Hosts Webinar On PAD and Diabetes

On December 9, 2023, D-Foot International welcomed renowned vascular surgeon Prof. Robert J. Hinchliffe for an engaging webinar on *Toe & Flow: PAD & Diabetes*.

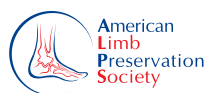
Prof. Hinchliffe, who is currently a Professor of Vascular Surgery at the University of Bristol, UK brought a lot of experience to the virtual stage.

The complex association between peripheral arterial disease (PAD) and diabetes was examined in the webinar, which was particularly important considering the increased global prevalence of diabetes.

A member of the International Working Group of the Diabetic Foot, Prof. Hinchliffe contributed knowledge gleaned from his vast clinical and academic experience. During his lecture, he discussed the holistic care of diabetic feet and emphasized the significance of controlling the complicated vascular issues linked to diabetes.

For health-care professionals, the webinar offered a rare chance to learn about clinical decision-making in a practical way. The broad group in attendance received important assistance from Prof. Hinchliffe's nuanced grasp of addressing vascular problems in diabetes patients, as he discussed current research directions in vascular surgery in addition to clinical considerations.

Educational initiatives such as these encourage advancements in diabetic foot treatment and greatly advance patient treatment. For more information visit <https://d-foot.org>.



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September 27-18: The British Columbia Podiatry Association (BCPMA) annual conference, Podiatry North. To be held at the Coast Coal Harbour Hotel in Vancouver.



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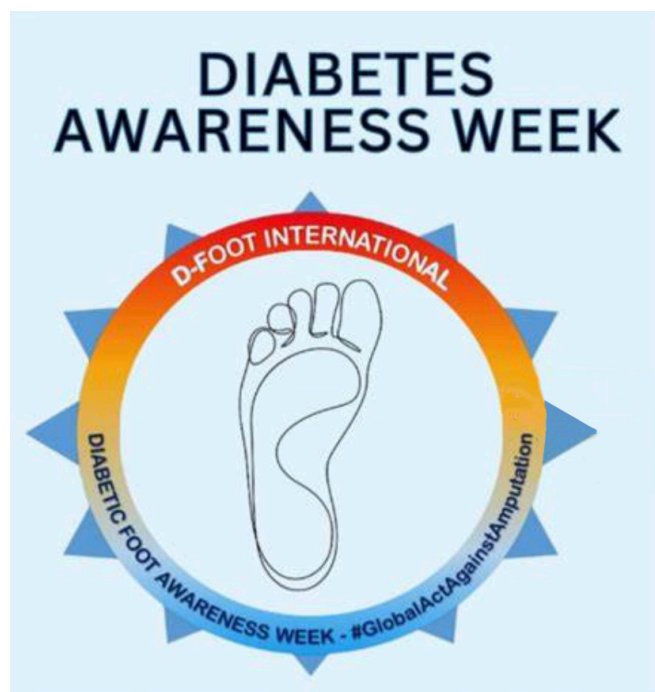


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October 26: Canadian Podiatric Medical Association Virtual Conference.

November 15-16: The Association des podiatres du Québec (APQ) has their Annual Congress.

Diabetes Foot Awareness Week 2024 Scheduled For November



The 2024 version of D-Foot International's *Diabetes Foot Awareness Week* will run from November 7-14.

The week will be highlighted by the **Global Meet** on November 10.

Other events for the week include the following regional meetings:

African Region: November 7.

SACAR Region: November 8.

NACAR Region: November 9.

MENAR Region: November 11.

Europe Region: November 12.

SEAR Region: November 13.

WP Region: November 14.



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