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Best Practice Recommendations for Skin Health and Wound Management 2025 Now Available

Wounds Canada's updated edition of its free digital book *Best Practice Recommendations for Skin Health and Wound Management 2025* is now available.

The previous versions have been an evidence-based cornerstone of skin health, wound prevention and management in Canada, providing health-care providers and health decision-makers with the latest evidence in a reader-friendly format that helps move wound-related knowledge into practice. Since their online introduction in 2018 they have been downloaded more than one million times.

The current edition improves on previous iterations by including new information, with an increased focus on prevention, as well as several other crucial features such as:

- An overview of the structures and physiology of skin and the process of skin healing
- A new Appendix focused on nutrition and wound healing in Chapter 4 Prevention and Management: An Overview
- A newly developed chapter focused on lymphedema and lower limb skin health and corresponding wounds
- The use of the Wound Prevention and Management Cycle to organize the

information and provide clinical pathways for clinicians and health decision-makers by providing step-by-step processes they can incorporate into practice for improved outcomes

- Chapters that can be downloaded individually as PDFs for ease-of-use.

For more information, visit: <https://www.woundscanada.ca/news/752-bpr-new>

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Pressure Injury Protocols Webinar Scheduled For June

This summer, Wounds Canada is hosting the *Shifting the Pressure: A Time for System Change in Pressure Injury Protocols* webinar. Details are as follows:

- Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 7:00 PM EST
- Co-chairs: Stephanie Chadwick NP-PHC MCIsc-WH NSWOC WOCC(C) and David Wallace MD MSc FRCSC

In this online session, participants will be able to:

1. Understand the interdisciplinary preparation for pressure injury surgery and the surgical plan to ensure clear communications with the team
2. Examine evidence-based wound care techniques and infection prevention measures to minimize infection pre- and post-surgery to support skin health
3. Discuss pain management strategies and ensure proper use of pain relief medications to facilitate mobility and positioning
4. Describe best practices for teaching and supporting persons pre- and post-surgery to optimize pressure injury healing and minimize complications.

We look forward to your participation!

Those interested can register at: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_IBqXrdcyQKSTsCG-cpRYLQ

Regional Conference Comes To Halifax, Canada In June

Wounds Canada and the Nova Scotia Health Innovation Hub have joined forces to bring you the best and latest in wound care innovations in a day-long event on Friday, June 6, 2025, focused on the health-care delivery challenges and facilitators faced by those working in the Atlantic region of Canada.

The event takes place at the Nova Scotia Health Innovation Hub. If you're a frontline health-care provider, administrator or policy maker, you won't want to miss it!

For more info visit: <https://www.woundscanada.ca/health-care-professional/education-health-care-professional/regional-conference2025>

Wounds Canada National Hybrid Conference 2025 To Be Held in June

Wounds Canada is hosting its biggest educational event of the year from October 2-4, 2025, at the Westin Harbour Castle, Toronto, Ontario. The Wounds Canada National Hybrid Conference showcases Canadian excellence in clinical practice, research, education and industry innovation.

This is the largest wound-related continuing education event in Canada, bringing together wound care professionals from across the country and from multiple disciplines to share information, connect with each other and support ongoing personal professional development over three days.

The academic and sponsored sessions, industry exhibits, networking opportunities, poster presentations and conversation cafés are designed to support both frontline health-care professionals and those who make policy, practice and/or funding decisions.

Exhibitors interested in booking a space should email Maureen Rego, Director of Events: maureen.rego@woundscanada.ca

For more info visit: <https://www.woundscanada2025.ca/>

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CPMA's Strategy Aimed At Advancing Limb Preservation Initiatives

Limb preservation is critical in modern health care, requiring collaboration, education and advocacy. The Canadian Podiatric Medical Association (CPMA) remains committed to advancing best foot and lower limb care practices through strategic partnerships, policy advocacy and professional education. Our recent efforts demonstrate a proactive approach to strengthening podiatric care in Canada and beyond.



Strengthening advocacy and collaboration:

CPMA actively shapes policy and advocates for improved foot and lower limb health care. We are assisting in developing new podiatry regulations in the province of Prince Edward Island and working with the Canadian Physiotherapy Association to expand diabetes-related orthotic coverage under the Diabetes Device Fund. Strengthening relationships with the American Podiatric Medical Association and supporting initiatives like the International Hyperhidrosis Society and the Limb Preservation Alliance reflect our commitment to global collaboration.

Engagement in conferences and industry events: We continue to ensure that podiatry has a strong presence at key industry events. CPMA exhibited at Wounds Canada 2024, participated in CLHIA 2024, and is already planning for CLHIA 2025. Our engagement with the Canadian Association of Foot Care Nurses has opened opportunities for CPMA speakers at future conferences, further reinforcing our role in interdisciplinary collaboration.

Empowering members through education: Education remains a cornerstone of our mission.

Our monthly CPMA webinars feature expert-led discussions on podiatric advancements, while our mentorship program connects students with experienced practitioners. Additionally, we continue to enhance member benefits through strategic partnerships with industry leaders like RBC, Gallagher and PRESENT.

Enhancing communication and outreach:

Effective communication is key to knowledge-sharing and advocacy. CPMA's digital newsletters, social media presence and media outreach efforts inform members and stakeholders about the latest podiatric medicine and limb preservation developments.

Investing in the future of podiatry: To support the next generation of podiatrists, CPMA actively engages with university programs, offers a student mentorship program, a scholarship fund and sponsors key student events such as the UQTR Ball. These initiatives ensure the continued growth and excellence of podiatric medicine in Canada.

Through these efforts, the CPMA remains dedicated to advancing podiatric medicine and limb preservation. By fostering collaboration, enhancing education and advocating for policy change, we aim to improve patient outcomes and support the broader health-care community.

For more information on CPMA's initiatives, visit podiatrycanada.org.

CariWN Raises Awareness Of Wound Care Across The Caribbean, Joins Limb Preservation Alliance

The Caribbean Wounds Network (CariWN), launched in 2024, marked a significant milestone in addressing the region's wound care crisis with our inaugural hybrid conference held in Barbados at the University of the West Indies (UWI) in June of 2024. The event, *T.I.M.E. to Heal*, brought together health-care professionals, researchers and industry leaders from across the Caribbean and beyond to tackle the escalating costs and challenges of wound care in the region. CariWN is built on four key pillars: Education, Advocacy, Research and Implementation, all of which are vital to our mission.



The conference and future initiatives are designed to support the overarching objective of raising awareness of wound care to health professionals, educators, medical institutions and the Caribbean diaspora. By focusing on our four pillars, CariWN aims to create a comprehensive and sustainable approach to wound management and limb preservation throughout the Caribbean.

The hybrid symposium, sponsored by Crucible International Inc., a local BPO organization operating in the insurance and health-care fields, and hosted in partnership with the University of the West Indies (UWI) Cave Hill Campus, attracted participation from 27 countries, with attendees from Aruba, Barbados, Cuba, Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago, Curacao, Sint Maarten, The Bahamas, St Kitts and Nevis, Antigua and Barbuda, Jamaica, and diaspora communities in Canada and the US.

We would like to thank the University of the West Indies (UWI), Crucible International Inc. and Wounds Canada for their participation.

Sessions included:

- Building a Collaborative Wounds Organization, Including Teams and Standards of Care
- Managing the Diabetic Foot Charcot Reconstruction and Limb Salvage
- The First Year of Establishing a Public Limb Salvage Program in Barbados: A SWOT Analysis
- Oxidative Stress Created by Glycemic Variability and How This Can Impair Small Vessel Function Either Favourably or Otherwise.

This collaboration aims to share resources, expertise and advocacy initiatives to address the regional wound care crisis and enhances advocacy efforts by combining resources and expertise to influence policy and improve patient care. The partnerships allows CariWN to access evidence-based resources, education programs and research

initiatives, enhancing its ability to improve wound care across the Caribbean.

With wound care costs in the Caribbean estimated at \$7 billion USD annually, the conference served as a crucial platform for addressing this pressing health-care issue. The event underscored the need for education, policies and competencies in wound care at both governmental and health-care levels. CariWN's focus on research will help develop a strong understanding of wound care in the Caribbean context, leading to more effective treatments and prevention strategies.

In 2025, CariWN will support our colleagues in Aruba toward a successful collaboration with their Symposium scheduled to be held September 25 and 26 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton in Aruba.

CariWN is currently planning for our 2026 conference scheduled to be held in Jamaica.

In 2024 CariWN joined the Limb Preservation Alliance. As we continue to grow, our collaboration with organizations such as Wounds Canada and alignment with global initiatives promise to drive significant improvements in wound care and limb preservation across the region.

DFCon 2025 To Be Held In October In Anaheim

DFCon 2025, the Annual Conference of the American Limb Preservation Society, will be held on October 23-25, 2025, in Anaheim California, USA.

Highlights include:

- Leadership in Discovery: Be at the forefront of groundbreaking therapies and technologies.
- Collaborative Networking: Connect and collaborate with global experts, enhancing professional growth and innovative practices.
- Expert Insights: Learn from leading speakers and stay updated on the latest research

DFCon also represents the 25th Edition of the Interdisciplinary Global Diabetic Foot Conference DFCon2025.

For more information, visit:

<https://limbpreservationsociety.org/dfcon/about/>



D-Foot International Wound Care Conference 2025 Scheduled For May In Malaysia

The third D-Foot International Wound Conference will take place on May 9-10, 2025, at the Imperial Hotel, Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia.

This highly anticipated event will bring together global experts, health-care professionals and stakeholders to discuss innovative solutions and strategies in wound care and diabetic foot management. The conference is organized in collaboration with Sarawak General Hospital, the Wound Care Unit and other key partners, with the mission to advance patient outcomes worldwide.

D-Foot International invites all relevant stakeholders to join us for this impactful gathering.

For more information, visit: <https://d-foot.org/>

