

NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS



Wounds Canada Launches the *Patient Bill of Rights and Responsibilities in Wound Prevention and Care (PBoRR-WPC)*

Wounds Canada and its partners have officially launched the *Patient Bill of Rights and Responsibilities in Wound Prevention and Care (PBoRR-WPC)*, the purpose of which is to empower individuals with lived experience, support health-care providers in delivering high-quality wound care, advance advocacy efforts and guide equitable, person-centred care practices.

The BoR was conceptualized and led by Dr. Idevania Costa RN NSWOC PhD, Associate Professor in the School of Nursing at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay ON, and co-founder of the *Our Voices, Our Stories* initiative. This work was financially supported by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), with additional in-kind contributions from Wounds Canada. The PboRR-WPC reflects the lived experiences and direct narratives of patients and care partners, drawing on real patient and caregiver interviews. It identifies 12 core rights that individuals deserve across the continuum of care, paired with corresponding responsibilities to support active participation and advocacy.



The full document will be published as a Supplement to *Wound Care Canada* (Vol. 24 No. 1) and will be available on the Wounds Canada website (www.woundscanada.ca) in June.

Find out more at: [Patient Bill of Rights and Responsibilities - Wounds Canada](#)

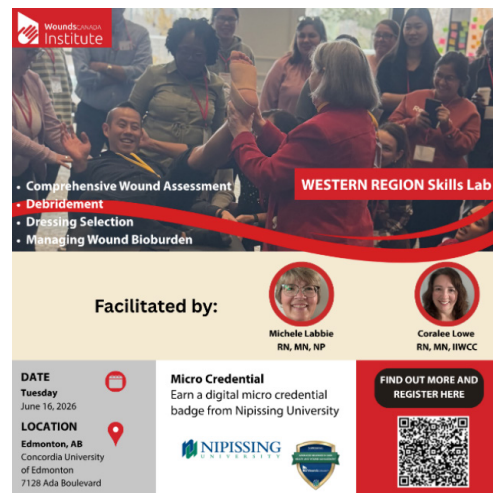
Upcoming Regional And National Events

Western Region Hands-On Skills Lab: June 16, 2026: Wounds Canada is hosting a hands-on, interprofessional skills lab *Best Practice Approach to Skin Health and Wound Management: Knowledge and Skills* (A100NWS) in Edmonton, Alberta. This full-day learning experience reinforces the knowledge from the A100MNN prerequisite course *Best Practice Approach to Skin Health and Wound Management: Knowledge* program and includes a follow-up live webinar with expert faculty. The practical lab provides opportunities to practice wound assessment, measurement, cleansing, identifying infection and dressing selection as well as practice conservative sharp wound debridement while applying best practices to real-world case scenarios. Upon completion, participants will receive a Digital Certificate of Completion from the Wounds Canada Institute and a Digital Micro-Credential Badge from Nipissing University.

Regional Conference Edmonton: June 17, 2026: Wounds Canada is also hosting an exciting regional conference at Concordia University in Edmonton, Alberta. The *Western Region Skin Health and Wound Care Conference* will include a full day of both academic and sponsored sessions and a table-top exhibit area to showcase innovative wound care products and resources. More info on both these regional events can be found at: [Western Region Skin Health and Wound Care Skills Lab and Conference - Wounds Canada](#)

Wounds Canada National Hybrid Conference 2026: Planning for the Wounds Canada National Hybrid conference is well underway. The event will welcome professionals from across Canada from October 22–24, 2026, in Niagara Falls, ON. The event is an opportunity to network with health-care experts and other professionals passionate about wound care. More info can be found at: [Wounds Canada 2026](#)

Ongoing Awareness Campaigns: Wounds Canada continues to spread awareness on wound care and limb preservation using our vast network and in-depth knowledge to educate Canadians on crucial topics. Follow our social media page for more info check out our campaigns here: [Awareness Campaigns - Wounds Canada](#)



Wounds Canada Institute

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- Managing Wound Bioburden

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CariWN Builds Momentum

The Caribbean Wounds Network (CariWN), launched in 2024, continues to build momentum in addressing the region's wound care crisis.

Like Wounds Canada, CariWN remains grounded in four key pillars—Education, Advocacy, Research and Implementation—which guide our mission to improve wound management and limb preservation outcomes throughout the Caribbean.

In 2025, CariWN expanded its regional impact through several strategic initiatives. These included the launch of a webinar series designed to enhance access to ongoing training and professional development for health-care providers across the region.

Recent webinars have featured:

- Dr. Maria Goddard: Mastering Burn Care: From Triage to Reconstruction
- Dr. Adrian Wyllie: Wound Care Essentials For The Post-Acute Clinician
- Dr. Esther Daniel: Foundations - Why Moist Wound Healing Still Matters.

Our ongoing webinar series continues to serve as a key platform for education, knowledge sharing and professional engagement. Our webinars are open to participants from anywhere in the world, fostering a truly global community of practice.

In addition, we partnered with the Horacio Oduber Hospital in Aruba to deliver the 7th Island Wound Care Symposium virtually, enabling broader participation from health-care professionals across the region and beyond, who may otherwise have faced travel limitations or restrictions. This initiative reflects our commitment to reducing barriers to education and fostering greater regional collaboration.

The Aruba conference was well-received. More than 100 registrants who otherwise might not have

experienced this world class event were able to participate virtually.

If you are interested in speaking at a CariWN webinar or conference, please contact:

info@cariwn.org.

CariWN also continues to strengthen its partnerships and outreach efforts. As part of our broader Caribbean engagement strategy, we are actively connecting with individual islands and nations to explore opportunities for training, continuing education and capacity-building initiatives. We are also seeking to engage Ministries of Health across the region to support policy development, professional standards and improved patient care. In parallel, we are engaging local universities to assess opportunities for academic collaboration, research and curriculum development.

Looking ahead, we are pleased to share that the University of the West Indies, Faculty of Medical Sciences, has expressed interest in co-hosting our 2026 CariWN Conference at the UWI Mona Campus in Jamaica. We are currently working closely with their team to finalize dates and logistics. This collaboration represents a strong foundation for deeper engagement within Jamaica, supported by local volunteers who have committed to assisting with on-the-ground coordination.

Building on our regional presence, CariWN will also continue supporting key partner events, including ongoing collaboration with stakeholders in Aruba and across the Caribbean. Our efforts remain focused on expanding access to evidence-based resources, strengthening professional networks and advancing advocacy initiatives that influence policy and improve standards of care.

With wound care costs in the Caribbean estimated at approximately \$7 billion annually, the need for coordinated, strategic action remains urgent. CariWN's emphasis on research will help develop a stronger understanding of wound care within the Caribbean context, while our implementation pillar ensures that best practices and next practices are effectively translated into clinical settings.

As a member of the Limb Preservation Alliance and in collaboration with organizations such as Wounds Canada, CariWN is well-positioned to drive meaningful, sustainable improvements in wound care and limb preservation across the region.

CariWN continues to serve as a unifying community and network —engaging health-care professionals, educators, institutions, and the Caribbean diaspora—in a shared mission to advance wound care, reduce preventable amputations and improve patient outcomes throughout the Caribbean.

CariWN membership is free. Individuals are welcome to join as corresponding members to gain access to our webinars and conferences. We invite all interested individuals to become part of our growing network. We welcome you to collaborate with us, support our community and contribute to advancing wound care across the region.

To join or for more information, email: info@cariwn.org or visit: www.cariwn.org



100 Years Of Advancing Limb Preservation Through Collaboration And Innovation

Limb preservation remains one of the most important and complex challenges in modern health care. As rates of diabetes, peripheral vascular disease and chronic wounds continue to rise, preventing lower extremity complications requires coordinated care across multiple disciplines. Podiatrists play a central role in this effort, contributing expertise in biomechanics, wound management, infection control and surgical intervention.

The Canadian Podiatric Medical Association (CPMA) continues to support this work by strengthening interdisciplinary collaboration, advancing clinical education and promoting innovation in lower extremity care across Canada.

Strengthening Interdisciplinary Partnerships:

Effective limb preservation depends on strong collaboration between health-care professionals involved in wound care, diabetes management, vascular medicine and rehabilitation.

Over the past year, CPMA has continued to build relationships with organizations committed to improving outcomes for patients at risk of limb loss.

In 2025, CPMA participated in the Wounds Canada conference and contributed to the National Wound Community Think Tank, ensuring that podiatric expertise remains represented in national conversations surrounding wound care strategy and best practices. These forums provide valuable opportunities to share clinical perspectives, identify gaps in care, and strengthen coordinated approaches to limb preservation.

CPMA also expanded its engagement with the Canadian Association of Foot Care Nurses, opening new opportunities for collaborative education and knowledge exchange. Nurses and podiatrists frequently work together in community and clinical settings, and strengthening these partnerships helps improve early detection, prevention and management of foot complications.

Advancing Clinical Education: Education remains central to CPMA's mission. Throughout 2025, the Association delivered a series of educational webinars addressing clinical and system-level issues relevant to podiatric practice and limb preservation.

Topics included innovations in wound-healing technologies, advances in antimicrobial therapies, diagnostic developments for onychomycosis and outcomes associated with transmetatarsal amputation in diabetic limb salvage. Additional programs explored broader health-care challenges, including access to care and health equity.

By providing accessible virtual education, CPMA helps ensure that clinicians across Canada can remain current with evolving evidence and emerging technologies in lower extremity care.

Encouraging Innovation and Research:

Innovation continues to shape the future of limb preservation. New diagnostic tools, wound healing technologies and treatment approaches

are expanding the possibilities for preventing amputations and improving patient outcomes.

CPMA remains engaged with clinical researchers and industry partners to explore advances in wound care and lower-extremity diagnostics. While research funding in Canada remains highly competitive, the Association continues to seek opportunities to support interdisciplinary research initiatives that address complex challenges in limb preservation.

Supporting the Future Workforce: The sustainability of limb preservation efforts depends on developing the next generation of podiatric physicians. CPMA continues to engage Canadian podiatry students studying internationally through mentorship initiatives, scholarship programs and professional guidance. These efforts help strengthen early connections between students and the Canadian podiatric community while supporting the development of future clinicians who will contribute to multidisciplinary limb preservation teams.

Looking Ahead: As the Canadian Podiatric Medical Association celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2026, the organization remains focused on advancing podiatric medicine and strengthening its role within interdisciplinary health care. Through continued collaboration, education and innovation, CPMA is committed to supporting clinicians in preventing amputations and improving the quality of life for patients at risk of limb loss.

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



DFCon 2026 To Be Held In October

DFCon 2026, the Annual Conference of the American Limb Preservation Society will be held on October 22-24, 2026, in Anaheim, California.

This year's conference will focus on:

- **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.

To register, or for more information, visit:

limbpreservationsociety.org/dfcon

Save The Date: Diabetic Foot Update 2026

DFUpdate 2026: Leading PAD Care is scheduled for December 5-6 in San Antonio, Texas.

Led by ALPS, this year's event tackles key challenges and innovations in PAD through expert discussions and collaboration. Highlights include:

- **A Hub for Innovation:** Engage in interactive workshops, expert debates, and evidence-based updates to improve patient care and advance limb preservation.
- **Collaborate for Better Outcomes:** DFUpdate 2026 unites specialists across disciplines to drive groundbreaking solutions and enhance patient quality of life.

For more information, visit: limbpreservationsociety.org/



D-Foot International

D-Foot International is a global, non-profit association dedicated to the prevention of diabetes-related foot complications and lower-limb amputations. The work of D-Foot International is featured in an article in this issue (See pgs. 104-109).

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