

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

- In June 2022, the first Patient Journey Conference was held.
- This unique event shared patients' and patient-advocates' stories of navigating navigating life with a wound within Canada's health-care systems.
- Together, patients, care partners, health and social service providers, clinicians, educators and community leaders, students and researchers explored ways to improve wound care for all Canadians.

## WHAT DID WE LEARN FROM LISTENING?

While each person's story about their health-care journey was different, each person wanted to be...

HOW CAN I BE SURE MY CARE WILL REFLECT MY PERSONAL NEEDS AND CULTURAL BELIEFS?

**HEARD** 



SUPPORTED













## AS A PATIENT OR CARE PARTNER, WHAT CAN YOU DO?



# PREPARE FOR APPOINTMENTS

by writing down questions or any concerns you have.



# EXPRESS YOUR NEEDS & HEALTH-CARE GOALS

and talk about the supports you'd need to have in place to help you.



### **RECOGNIZE YOUR ROLE**

as an essential member of your health-care team.



#### **TELL YOUR STORY**

by describing how your condition has affected your life and daily routine.



### **KEEP ASKING QUESTIONS**

if there's something you don't understand or want to happen differently.

## **WANT TO KNOW MORE?**

Visit www.woundscanada.ca/patient-or-caregiver/patient-stories for more information.







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