



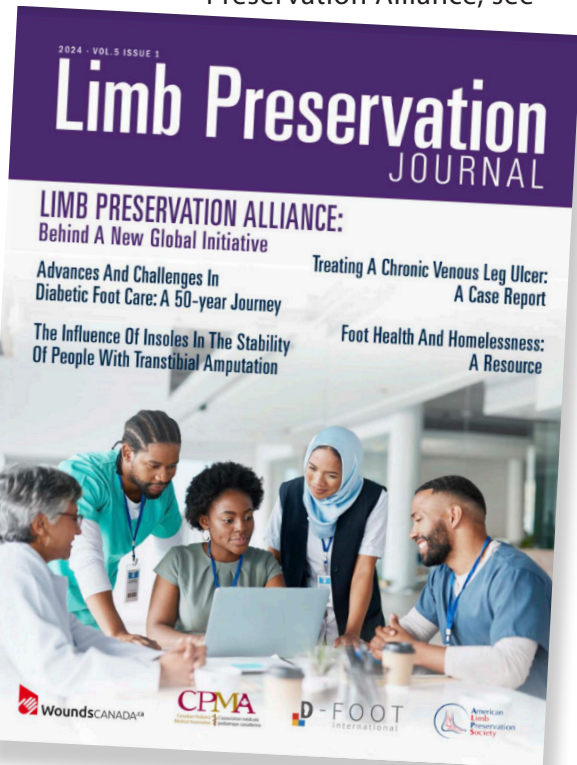
News In Wound Care

Resources

Limb Preservation Alliance Aims To Increase Awareness

Wounds Canada continued its work on awareness campaigns through the Limb Preservation Alliance (in partnership with the American Limb Preservation Society, the Canadian Podiatric Medical Association and D-Foot International), established in 2023).

For background on the Limb Preservation Alliance, see



the article in the current edition of *Limb Preservation Journal*.

February 2024 was Heart Month and the Alliance took this opportunity to encourage self care in order to reduce the risk of heart disease.

April 2024 was Limb Loss and Limb Difference Awareness Month and the Alliance raised awareness about the challenges faced by those who have experienced limb loss and limb difference and focused on addressing, promoting and advocating for limb preservation. A campaign webpage was created to provide information,

resources and key messages. Finally, **May 2024** was Foot Health Awareness Month and the Alliance advocated for the importance of healthy feet, particularly for those who are already dealing with pre-diabetes and diabetes, in order to avoid problematic ulcers and infections. Considering that 80% of lower limb amputations are preceded by a diabetes foot ulcer, this message was more

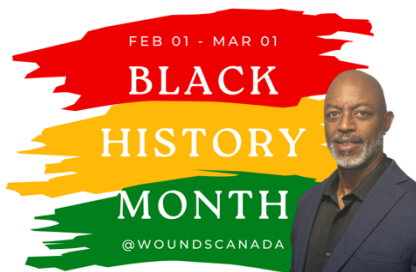
timely than ever. Again, a dedicated webpage was developed for the campaign.

Campaigns Target Black History Month And International Women's Day

For *Black History Month* in **February 2024**, Wounds Canada featured a riveting and inspirational interview with the current Chair of Wounds Canada, Andrew Springer BSc DCH DE WCC(c) FRSH, a celebrated practicing chiropodist since 1983 who has vast expertise in diabetes and other related foot conditions. The interview focused on black excellence and thriving in an often difficult industry, topics Andrew is very well versed in. Read the article [here](#).

For *International Women's*

BLACK EXCELLENCE:
A HERITAGE TO CELEBRATE;
A FUTURE TO BUILD



Day on **March 8, 2024**, Wounds Canada shared several messages from our female employees and collaborators highlighting the power and resilience of women in the health-care industry and the transformational impact they have in their respective fields. A [dedicated webpage](#) was created.

Skin Health Program Announced

In **February 2024**, Wounds




Canada and the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario (RNAO) launched the *Skin Health Program for Personal Care Providers*. This new program, offered through the Wounds Canada Institute, is an innovation in best practices in skin care education, specifically designed for personal care providers to enhance their knowledge in skin health and the prevention of common forms of skin damage, within their role as unregulated care providers supervised by nurses. For more information [click here](#).

New Expertise Enhances Organizational Excellence

Former Wounds Canada board member Irmajean Bajnok RN BScN MScN PhD has joined the

Practice Guidelines Centre.

Meanwhile, the Wounds Canada Institute welcomed new Program Directors for the Wound Care Champion Program - Nova Scotia (Barbie Murray and Greg Archibald) and for the Wound Care Champion Program - Ontario and SHARP Program (Robyn Evans and Pamela Houghton). For more information and to view the new directors' many credentials visit the [dedicated webpage](#). 



organization as an Education and Policy Specialist. Irmajean is an international health-care consultant specializing in change management, leadership and implementation science and was previously the Director of RNAO's International Affairs and Best