



2026 WOUNDS CANADA NATIONAL CONFERENCE AGENDA

Transforming Wound Care Together: The Power of Connection

October 22 - 24, 2026 | Fallsview Casino Resort, Niagara Falls, ON

Thursday, October 22nd, 2026
Sponsors' Spotlight Sessions

TIME	Plenary Stream IN PERSON and VIRTUAL SESSIONS Fallsview Casino Resort Grand Hall AB		
7:00 - 8:00 am	Registration and Continental Breakfast Grand Hall Foyer		
8:00 - 8:20 am	Welcome Presenters: Irmajean Bajnok, RN BSc MScN PhD FCAN FAAN Mariam Botros, DCh DE IIWCC MEd, CEO Wounds Canada		
8:20 - 9:05 am	Keynote – AI in Health Care Presenter: Muhammad Mamdani, PharmD MA MPH Moderator: Gregg Brown, MSc PMP CTDP		
9:15 - 10:15 am Sponsored Learning	Why Choose Two When One Will Do! Presenters: Josh Gohl, BScN RN NSWOC / WOCC Paddy Markey, MSc Forensic Science. King's College London Erin Meger, BSN RN NSWOC WOCC(C) Moderator:		
10:25 - 11:25 am Sponsored Learning	Fighting Resistance One Wound at a Time: From Guidelines to Action in Antimicrobial Stewardship Presenters: Joshua Moralejo, RN BScN MScCH: WPC NSWOC WOCC(C) IIWCC Kevin Woo, PhD RN NSWOC WOCC(C) FAPWCA Perla Sandau, BN Moderator:		
11:35 - 12:20 pm	Reflecting the Quintuple Aim in a Challenging Health Care Environment: Is It Possible In Skin Health and Wound Care? Presenters: John Hwang, MD FRCSC Nathalie Boudreau, RN DBA PMP CHE Irmajean Bajnok, RN BSc MScN PhD FCAN FAAN Moderator:		
12:30 - 1:00 pm	Lunch		
1:00 - 2:00 pm Sponsored Learning	Integral Debridement: Combining Oxidative and Continuous Debridement for Optimal Wound Healing Presenters: Michele Labbie, RN MN NP Karen Laforet, MCISC-WH RN NSWOC WOCC(C) CCHN(C) VA-BC CVAA(c) Debashish Chakravarthy Moderator:		
2:10 - 2:30 pm Sponsored Learning	NanoSALV Explained: Science, Healing, National Consensus and What’s Next Presenters: Megan Leslie Eric Fung, MD FRCSC Douglas Queen, BSc PhD MBA Moderator:		
2:35 - 2:50 pm	Greetings Hon. Natalia Kusendova-Bashta Minister of Long Term Care, Ontario		



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Sponsored Learning



Incorporating geko Into Wound Care Practice - Evidence, Implementation and Evaluation

Presenters:



Janet Daglish,
MBA BA C.Dir



Robyn Evans,
BSc MD CCFP FCFP



Michael Stacey,
MBBS Doctor of
Surgery FRACS



Michele Labbie,
RN MN NPR



Gary Sibbald,
MD. M.Ed. D.SC (Hon)
FRCPC (Med (Derm)
FAAD MAPWCA, JM

Moderator:

4:00 - 6:15 pm

EXHIBIT HALL
Grand Hall CDE

POSTER CAFÉ
Grand Hall Foyer

POLICY CAFÉ
Maple Room

Presenter:



Jennifer Vickers,
BScN RN NSWOC
WOCC (C) IIWCC-
CAN B. Comm Professional
Practice and Quality
Consultant-Wound Care Lead

6:00 - 8:00 pm
Maple Room

Electrical Stimulation (E-Stim) Therapy to Promote Healing of Complex Wounds

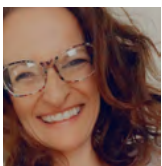
Facilitators:



Pamela Houghton,
PT PhD



Lyndsay Orr,
PT MCISc-WH PhD



Deirdre Drombolis
-O'Sullivan,
BScPT MCISc
(Wound Healing)

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TIME

HYBRID SESSIONS
Fallsview Casino Resort
GRAND HALL AB

IN PERSON SESSIONS
Fallsview Casino Resort
MAPLE ROOM

HANDS ON - IN PERSON
Hilton Hotel
GREAT LAKES ROOM

7:00 - 7:30 am

Registration and Continental Breakfast
Grand Hall Foyer

7:30 - 8:30 am
Sponsored Learning



Think All Foams Are Equal? How Evidence-Based Dressing Selection Can Improve Patient Outcomes

Presenters:



Alicia Smith,
PT DPT NCS
CLSSGB CWS



Kevin Woo,
PhD RN NSWOC
WOCC(C) FAPWCA



Kimberley Flannery,
RN BN NSWOC
WOCC(C) MCISc-WH

Moderator:

8:40 - 9:05 am

Welcome and greetings

Presenter:



Joumana Fawaz,
Clinical Nurse
Specialist



Ellen Mackay,
Dietitian MSc CDE



Nathalie Boudreau,
RN DBA PMP CHE

9:05 - 9:50 am

Is it Skin Failure or a Pressure Injury?

Presenter:



Joyce M. Black,
PhD RN FAAN CWS



Ann Elford,
RN MSN CHPCNc

Moderator:

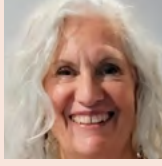


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9:50 - 10:35 am	What’s New in Diabetes? Overview of the New Treatment Tools and Impact on the Diabetic Foot Presenter:  Jeremy Gilbert, MD FRCPC Moderator:  Robyn Evans, BSc MD CCFP FCFP		
10:45 - 11:30 am	Complications of Antibiotic Use and Possible Solutions Moderator:  Susie Jin, RPh CDE CRE Presenter:  Paul Bunce, MA MD FRCPC	Practical Tips and Tricks in Offloading for Diabetic Foot Presenters:  Linda Laakso, MSc CO(c) FCBC AWCCP  Brian Scharfstein, CPed (C)  Eliot To, DCh MHA(CC) MCISc-WH	Tackling Burnout from the Individual and Organizational Perspective Moderator:  Jeremy Caul, RN BScN MCISc-WH CDE Presenters:  Sandra Tadros, RPh MSCP FIS PTS HEWL  Rosanra Yoon, PhD MN NP
11:30 - 1:00 pm	EXHIBIT HALL Grand Hall CDE	POSTER CAFÉ Grand Hall Foyer	POLICY CAFÉ Maple Room
1:00 - 1:30 pm	Lunch		
1:30 - 2:30 pm	Exudate: The What, Why and How for Wound Healing Success  Presenter:  Chris Murphy, PhD RN WOCC(C) Moderator:  Christie Kristo, RN BN NSWOC WOCC(C)		
2:40 - 3:25 pm	Triple Threat: Inflammatory Wounds, Malignant Wounds Vascular Insufficiency Moderator:  Andrew Springer, BSc DCh DE AWCCP FRSH Presenter:  David Croitoru, MSc MD FRCSC DABD	Clinical Wound Photography: Tips and Techniques Moderator:  Deirdre Drombolis -O’Sullivan, BScPT MCISc (Wound Healing) Presenter:  Rob Fraser, MN NSWOC WCC(C) RN	Wound Care for Unsheltered Persons Moderator:  Anne Shantz, RN BScN MCIScWH NSWOC Presenters:  Karen Burton, Harm Reduction Worker, RHAC  Sarah Rice, RNEC MScN NP
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4:30 - 5:15 pm

The Role of Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy in Wound Management

Co-moderators:

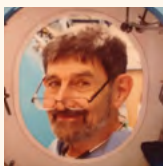


Anne Shantz,
RN BScN MCIScWH
NSWOC

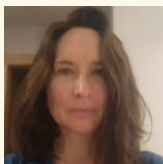


Punkuj Chawla,
MD

Presenters:



George Harpur,
MD



Tara Harpur,
NP

Built for Better Flow: Practical Skills in Lymphedema Management (4:30 - 6:15 pm)

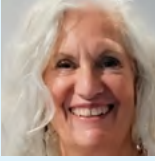
Facilitators:



Marcia Migay,
MD HBSC IIWCC
PGDp Derm



Jean LaMantia,
RD



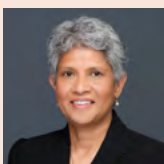
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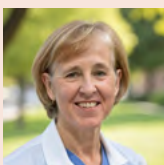
Allison Luther,
BScOT Reg. (Ont.)BKIN
MCISc-WH

Wound Debridement: The How, The When and The Why (3:30 - 6:30 pm)

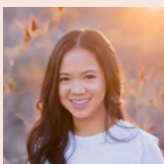
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Sheena Fortuna,
RN MN NP-PHC



Eliot To,
DCh MHA(CC)
MCISc-WH

6:15 pm

6:30 pm

7:30 - 9:30 pm

Social Event, Trivia and Raffle
Hilton Hotel, Angel Falls Ballroom





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NPWT Reimagined: Simpler Care, Broader Possibilities

Presenter:



Kristen Oliver,
BBA BScN RN-AP
NSWOC WOCC(C)

Moderator:



Cindy Miller,
RN

1:50 - 2:35 pm

CQI in Wound Care: Embedding Skin Health and Wound Care in Your Organization

Presenters:



Irmajean Bajnok,
RN BSc MScN PhD
FCAN FAAN



John Hwang,
MD FRCSC

Moderator:



Crystal McCallum,
MCISc-WH BScN
RN

2:40 - 2:50 pm

Poster Award Announcements

Presenter:



Jérôme Patry,
DPM MD CCMF MSc

2:55 - 3:55 pm

Top Tips for Pressure Injury Management

Presenters:



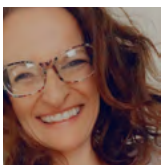
Kaylem Boileau,
RD HBSc BASc
MHSc IIWCC-CAN



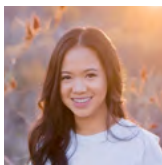
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3:55 - 4:10 pm

Wounds Canada and You - Concluding Remarks

Presenter:



Irmajean Bajnok,
RN BSc MScN PhD
FCAN FAAN