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** Coloplast	**Why Choose Two When One Will Do!** Presenters: **Josh Gohl,** BScN RN NSWOC / WOCC **Paddy Markey,** MSc Forensic Science. King's College London Moderator: **Erin Meger,** BSN RN NSWOC WOCC(C)
10:25 - 11:25 am **Sponsored Learning** essity	**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 Moderator: **Perla Sandau,** BN
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 Moderator: **Irmajean Bajnok,** RN BSc MScN PhD FCAN FAAN
12:30 - 1:00 pm	**Lunch**
1:00 - 2:00 pm **Sponsored Learning** URGO MEDICAL	**Integral Debridement: Combining Oxidative and Continuous Debridement for Optimal Wound Healing** Presenters: **Michele Labbie,** RN MN NP **Karen Laforet,** MClSc-WH RN NSWOC WOCC(C) CCHN(C) VA-BC CVAA(c) Moderator: **Debashish Chakravarthy**
2:10 - 2:30 pm **Sponsored Learning** NANOTESS CATALYZING HEALING	**NanoSALV Explained: Science, Healing, National Consensus and What's Next** Presenters: **Megan Leslie** **Eric Fung,** MD FRCSC Moderator: **Douglas Queen,** BSc PhD MBA
2:35 - 2:50 pm	**Greetings Hon. Natalia Kusendova-Bashta Minister of Long Term Care, Ontario**

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3:00 - 4:00 pm
Sponsored Learning

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

Presenters:

Janet Daglish, MBA BA C.Dir

Robyn Evans, BSc MD CCFP FCFP

Michele Labbie, RN MN NPR

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

Moderator:

Michael Stacey, MBBS Doctor of Surgery FRACS

4:00 - 6:15 pm

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Grand Hall CDE

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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 MClSc-WH PhD

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

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7:00 - 7:30 am	**Registration and Continental Breakfast** Grand Hall Foyer		
7:30 - 8:30 am **Sponsored Learning** Smith+Nephew	**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 Moderator: Kimberley Flannery, RN BN NSWOC WOCC(C) MCISc-WH		
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 Moderator: Ann Elford, RN MSN CHPCNc		

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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) MClSc-WH

Tackling Burnout from the Individual and Organizational Perspective

Moderator:

Jeremy Caul, RN BScN MClSc-WH CDE

Presenters:

Sandra Tadros, RPh MSCP FIS PTS HEWL

Rosanra Yoon, PhD MN NP

11:30 - 1:00 pm

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1:00 - 1:30 pm

Lunch

1:30 - 2:30 pm

Exudate: The What, Why and How for Wound Healing Success

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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 MClSc (Wound Healing)

Presenter:

Rob Fraser, MN NSWOC WCC(C) RN

Wound Care for Unsheltered Persons

Moderator:

Anne Shantz, RN BScN MClScWH 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 MClScWH 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

Anne Shantz, RN BScN MClScWH NSWOC

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

6:15 pm

6:30 pm

Wound Debridement: The How, The When and The Why

(3:30 - 6:30 pm)

Facilitators:

Sunita Coelho, BSN RN IIWCC

Robyn Evans, BSc MD CCFP FCFP

Sheena Fortuna, RN MN NP-PHC

Eliot To, DCh MHA(CC) MClSc-WH

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

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7:30 - 8:30 am **Sponsored Learning** Mölnlycke®	**Why Every Visit Matters: Reducing Pain, Preventing Complications and Improving Outcomes** Presenter: Lindsay Burnett, MN NP CBRN Marianne Lafleur, BSN RN NSWOC IIWCC	James Pinto, BScN MN RN NP	Moderator: Nathalie Gingras, MBA
8:40 – 9:00 am	**Welcome and Celebrating our Scholarship and Research Award Recipients** Presenters: Helen Arputhanathan, MSc Wound Care (Australia) BScN RN IIWCC NSWOC WOCC(C) Andrew Springer, BSc DCh DE AWCCP FRSH		**Advancing Skin Health and Wound Care: A Practical Guide for Primary Care** **(8:45 - 10:45 am)** Facilitators: Karen Chien, MD MSc CCFP (PC, COE) FCFP IIWCC Robyn Evans, BSc MD CCFP FCFP Sheena Fortuna, RN MN NP-PHC
9:00 – 10:00 am	**Best Practices in Resource-Constrained Settings** Moderator: Punkuj Chawla, MD Presenters: Jeremy Caul, RN BScN MClSc-WH CDE Deirdre Drombolis -O'Sullivan, BScPT MClSc (Wound Healing)	**Dressings for Success** **(9:00 - 10:45 am)** Facilitators: Helen Arputhanathan, MSc Wound Care (Australia) BScN RN IIWCC NSWOC WOCC(C) Patricia Coutts, RN IIWCC (CAN) Joumana Fawaz, Clinical Nurse Specialist Crystal McCallum, MClSc-WH BScN RN Jackie Savoie, RN MSN WOCN Anne Shantz, RN BScN MClScWH NSWOC	
10:00 – 10:45 am	**Acute Limb Ischemia: Awareness, Rapid Recognition, and Interprofessional Care** Moderator: Lyndsay Orr, PT MClSc-WH PhD Presenter: John R. Coates, BSc MD CCFP FCFP		
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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

Paul Bunce,
MA MD FRCPC

Deirdre Drombolis -O'Sullivan,
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Wounds Canada and You - Concluding Remarks

Presenter:

Irmajean Bajnok,
RN BSc MScN PhD
FCAN FAAN