



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 Gregg Brown, MSc PMP CTDp Moderator:		
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 Presenter: 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, PHD 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 From The Minister of Long Term Care, ON Presenter: Natalia Kusendova-Bashta, Member of Provincial Parliament Mississauga Centre		



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3:00 - 4:00 pm
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



Keith Harding,
CBE FRCGP FRCP
FRCS FLSW



Michele Labbie,
RN MN NP



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

Poster Abstract Moderator:



Jérôme Patry,
DPM MD CCMF MSc

Presenters:

- Natasha St. Louis
- Sarah Brown & Emmanuel Magalong
- Josée Sénéchal
- Deirdre O'Sullivan Drombolis
- Shianne Crowder
- Rebecca Brookham
- James Pinto
- Chris Boodoo
- Nicola Bartley
- Rose Raizman
- Kevin Woo
- Julie Gagnon
- Sukaina Muhammad
- Lisa Davis
- Sharlenne Sanchez & Gerry Henry
- Declan Patton & Tom O'Connor
- Margaret White
- Bonnie Lum
- Nihat Yumusak

POLICY CAFÉ The Boardroom VON Canada's Approach to Advancing Skin Health and Wound Care (4:15-5:15 p.m.)

Facilitator:



Kathleen Stevens,
RN PhD

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 O'Sullivan
Drombolis,
BScPT MCISc-WH

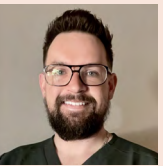


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7:00 - 7:30 am	Registration and Continental Breakfast Grand Hall Foyer		
7:30 - 8:30 am Sponsored Learning Smith+Nephew	Think All Foams Are Equal? How Evidence-Based Dressing Selection Can Improve Patient Outcomes Presenters:  Alicia Smith, PT DPT NCS CLSSGB CWS  Kevin Woo, PhD RN NSWOC WOCC(C) FAPWCA  Kimberley Flannery, RN BN NSWOC WOCC(C) MCISc-WH Moderator:		
8:40 – 9:05 am	Welcome and Greetings Presenters:  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		
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 Poster Abstract Moderator:  Jérôme Patry, DPM MD CCMF MSc Presenters: • Leigh Guertin • Katie Lai & Fan Lin • Theresa Seguban • Romy Levy • Jennifer Vickers • Seona Furlong • Tina Kaldma • Debashish Chakravarthy • Sasha Frade-Bekker	POLICY CAFÉ Maple Room Implementing Pedorthic Protocol and Policy for All Communities (11:45 am - 12:45 pm) Facilitator:  Kathleen Stevens, RN PhD Presenter:  Brian Scharfstein, CPed (C)
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)		





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2:40 - 3:25 pm

Acute Limb Ischemia: Awareness, Rapid Recognition, and Interprofessional Care

Moderator:



Lyndsay Orr,
PT MCISc-WH PhD

Presenter:



John R. Coates,
BSc MD CCFP
FCFP

Clinical Wound Photography: Tips and Techniques

Moderator:



Deirdre O'Sullivan
Drombolis,
BScPT MCISc-WH

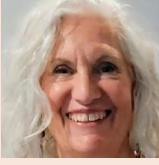
Presenter:



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

3:25 - 4:30 pm

EXHIBIT HALL Grand Hall CDE



One Exhibit Hall. Endless Possibilities!

POSTER CAFÉ Grand Hall Foyer

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Jérôme Patry,
DPM MD CCMF
MSc

Presenters:

- Nazila Afghani
- Lani Pryce
- Idevania Costa
- Maude Pothier
- Julie Orr, Sanah Rajkumari, Chinnu Joji & Suetkei Chan

POLICY CAFÉ Maple Room Who Owns the Problem? Lessons from Building a Cross-Sector Indigenous Limb Preservation Pathway (3:30 - 4:30 p.m.)

Facilitator:



Kathleen Stevens,
RN PhD

Presenter:



Leigh Guertin,
BScHK MHSc (Health
Administration) RRT
CRE CHE

3:30 pm

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:



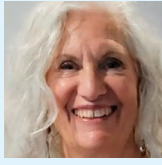
George Harpur,
MD



Tara Harpur,
NP

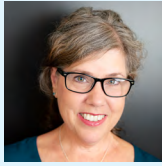
Built for Better Flow: Practical Skills in Lymphedema Management (4:30 - 6:15 pm)

Moderator:

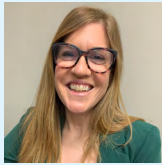


Anne Shantz,
RN BScN MCIScWH
NSWOC

Facilitators:



Jean LaMantia,
RD



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



Marcia Migay,
MD HBSC IIWCC
PGDp Derm

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)
MCISc-WH

6:15 pm

6:30 pm

7:30 - 9:30 pm

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





Alicia Regular,
LPN



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12:15 - 12:45 pm

Lunch

12:45 - 1:45 pm

Sponsored Learning



NPWT Reimagined: Simpler Care, Broader Possibilities

Presenter:



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

Moderator:



Cindy Miller,
RN

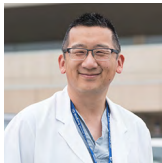
1:50 - 2:35 pm

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

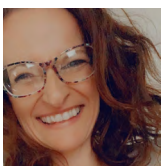


Paul Bunce,
MA MD FRCPC

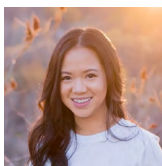
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RN



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Sheena Fortuna,
RN MN NP-PHC

3:55 - 4:10 pm

Wounds Canada and You - Concluding Remarks

Presenter:



Irmajean Bajnok,
RN BSc MScN PhD
FCAN FAAN

Thanks for Coming!

Thank you for joining us for the 2026 Wounds Canada National Conference. Your commitment to improving patient care and advancing knowledge makes this event a success year after year.

We hope to see you again next year! To learn more about our upcoming regional and national conferences, please visit www.woundscanada.ca.