



# 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 CTD

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

Moderator:



Erin Meger,  
BSN RN NSWOC  
WOCC(C)

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

Moderator:



Perla Sandau,

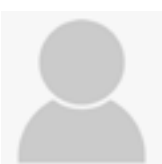
11:35 - 12:20 pm

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  
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12:30 - 1:00 pm

Lunch

1:00 - 2:00 pm

Sponsored Learning



Integral Debridement: Combining Oxidative and Continuous Debridement for  
Optimal Wound Healing

Presenter:



Michele Labbie,  
RN MN NP



Karen Laforet,  
MCISc-WH RN NSWOC  
WOCC(C) CCHN(C)  
VA-BC CVAA(c)

Moderator:



Debashish  
Chakravarthy

2:10 - 2:30 pm

Sponsored Learning



NanoSALV Explained: Science, Healing, National Consensus and What's Next

Presenter:



Megan Leslie



Eric Fung,  
MD FRCSC

Moderator:



Douglas Queen,  
BSc PhD MBA

2:35 - 2:50 pm

Celebrating Our Scholarship & Research Award Recipients

Presenter:



Rosemary Hill,  
BSN CWOCN NSWOC  
WOCC(C) FNSWOC



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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



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 Therapy (E-Stim) 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)

## Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

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

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### 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 - 8:55 am

### Welcome

Presenter:



Joumana Fawaz,  
Clinical Nurse  
Specialist



Ellen Mackay,  
Dietitian MSc CDE

8:55 - 9:05 am

### Greetings

Presenter:



TBD,

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:

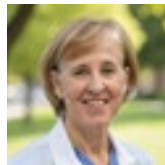
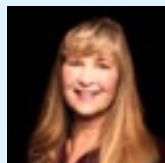
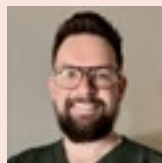
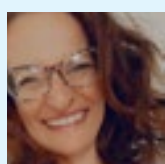
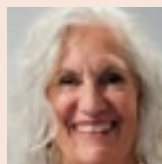
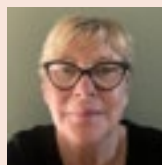


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| 9:50 - 10:35 am                                                                                                                         |                                       |                                                                    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



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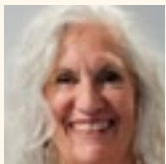
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3:30 pm

4:30 - 5:15 pm

## The Role of Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy in Wound Management

Co-moderators:

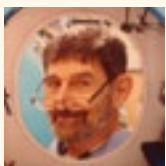


**Anne Shantz,**  
RN BScN MCIScWH  
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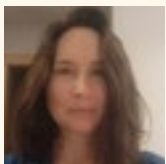


**Punkuj Chawla,**  
MD

Presenter:



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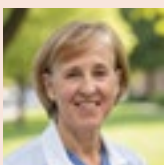
**Allison Luther,**  
BScOT Reg. (Ont.)BKIN  
MCISc-WH

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

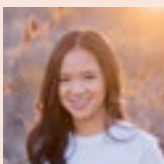
Facilitators:



**Sunita Coelho,**  
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**Robyn Evans,**  
BSc MD CCFP FCFP



**Sheena Fortuna,**  
RN MN NP-PHC



**Eliot To,**  
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MCISc-WH

6:15 pm

6:30 pm

7:30 - 9:30 pm

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



# Meet ‘n Mingle at our Social Event

Friday, October 3 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.  
Hilton Hotel, Angel Falls Ballroom



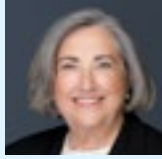
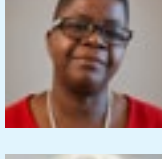
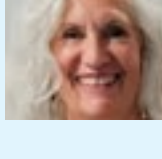


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| TIME                                 | HYBRID SESSIONS<br>Fallsview Casino Resort<br>GRAND HALL AB                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | IN PERSON SESSIONS<br>Fallsview Casino Resort<br>MAPLE ROOM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | HANDS ON - IN PERSON<br>Hilton Hotel<br>GREAT LAKES ROOM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| 7:00 - 7:30 am                       | Registration and Continental Breakfast<br>Grand Hall Foyer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 7:30 - 8:30 am<br>Sponsored Learning | <div>Why Every Visit Matters: Reducing Pain, Preventing Complications and Improving Outcomes</div> <div><div><div><div><div></div></div><div>Presenter:</div><div><div><div>Lindsay Burnett,<br/>MN NP CBRN</div></div><div><div>James Pinto,<br/>BScN MN RN NP</div></div><div><div>Marianne Lafleur,<br/>BSN RN NSWOC<br/>IIWCC</div></div><div><div>Moderator:<br/>Nathalie Gingras,<br/>MBA</div></div></div></div></div></div> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 8:45 - 9:00 am                       | <div>Welcome</div> <div><div><div><div><div>Helen Arputhanathan,<br/>MSc Wound Care<br/>(Australia) BScN RN IIWCC<br/>NSWOC WOCC(C)</div></div><div><div><div>Andrew Springer,<br/>BSc DCh DE AWCCP<br/>FRSH</div></div></div></div></div></div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <div>Advancing Skin Health and Wound Care:<br/>A Practical Guide for Primary Care<br/>(8:45 - 10:45 am)</div> <div><div><div><div><div>Karen Chien,<br/>MD MSc CCFP (PC, COE) FCFP IIWCC</div></div><div><div>Robyn Evans,<br/>BSc MD CCFP FCFP</div></div><div><div>Sheena Fortuna,<br/>RN MN NP-PHC</div></div></div></div></div> |
| 9:00 - 10:00 am                      | <div>Best Practices in Resource-Constrained Settings</div> <div><div><div><div><div>Punkuj Chawla,<br/>MD</div></div><div><div><div>Jeremy Caul,<br/>RN BScN MCISc-WH CDE</div></div><div><div>Deirdre Drombolis -O'Sullivan,<br/>BScPT MCISc<br/>(Wound Healing)</div></div></div></div></div></div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <div>Dressings for Success<br/>(9:00 - 10:45 am)</div> <div><div><div><div><div>Helen Arputhanathan,<br/>MSc Wound Care<br/>(Australia) BScN RN IIWCC<br/>NSWOC WOCC(C)</div></div><div><div>Patricia Coutts,<br/>RN IIWCC (CAN)</div></div><div><div>Joumana Fawaz,<br/>Clinical Nurse Specialist</div></div><div><div>Crystal McCallum,<br/>MCISc-WH BScN RN</div></div><div><div>Jackie Savoie,<br/>RN MSN WOCN</div></div><div><div>Anne Shantz,<br/>RN BScN MCIScWH<br/>NSWOC</div></div></div></div></div> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 10:00 - 10:45 am                     | <div>Acute Limb Ischemia: Awareness, Rapid Recognition, and Interprofessional Care</div> <div><div><div><div><div>Lyndsay Orr,<br/>PT MCISc-WH PhD</div></div><div><div><div>John R. Coates,<br/>BSc MD CCFP FCFP</div></div></div></div></div></div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 10:45 - 12:15pm                      | EXHIBIT HALL<br>Grand Hall CDE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | POSTER CAFÉ<br>Grand Hall Foyer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | POLICY CAFÉ<br>Maple Room<br>Presenter: <div><div>Alicia Regular,<br/>LPN</div></div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 12:15 - 12:45 pm                     | Lunch                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |



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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



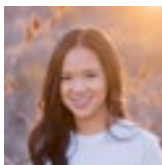
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3:55 - 4:10 pm

Wounds Canada and You - Concluding Remarks

Presenter:



Irmajean Bajnok,  
RN BSc MScN PhD  
FCAN FAAN