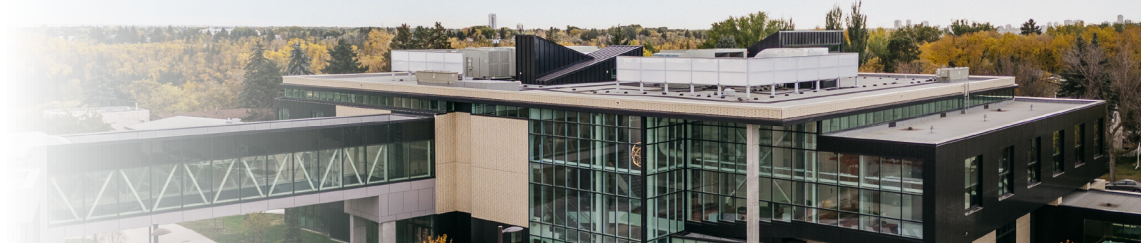




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TRANSFORMING WOUND CARE: EDUCATION, INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY

Wednesday, June 17, 2026 | Concordia University of Edmonton, Alberta

## TIME Wednesday, June 17, 2026

**7:30 - 8:30 am** Registration and Continental Breakfast

**8:30 - 8:50 am** Opening and Welcome

Presenters:  
Mariam Botros, MEd DCh IIWCC DE  
Holly Calliou, RN BScN



**My Healing Journey: A Message for Providers, Organizations and Systems**

Presenter:  
James Elliott, BSc MSc



### Patients' Perspectives

Moderator: Michele Labbie, RN MN NP



**8:50 - 9:10 am** Patient Education and Self-Management Strategies Enabled by the Patient Bill of Rights and Responsibilities

Presenter:  
Marlene Varga, RN BScN MSc IIWCC



**9:10 - 9:30 am** Incorporating Indigenous Ways of Knowing and Partnerships in Patient-Centred Care

Presenter:  
Amanda Sowiak, RN BN NSWOC WOCC(C)



**9:30 - 9:50 am** The Role of Peer Support in Skin Health and Wound Care Prevention and Treatment

Presenter:  
James Elliott, BSc MSc



**9:50 - 10:05 am** Questions, Discussion and Take-Aways

**10:05 - 10:50 am**



**Sponsored Session - Integral Debridement: Combining Oxidative and Continuous Debridement for Optimal Wound Healing**

Presenter:  
Karen Laforet, RN MCISc-WH CCHN(C) CVAA(c)  
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**10:50 - 12:10 pm** Tabletop Exhibits and Lunch

**Evidence-Based Skin Health and Wound Care**  
Moderator: Marlene Varga, RN BScN MSc IIWCC



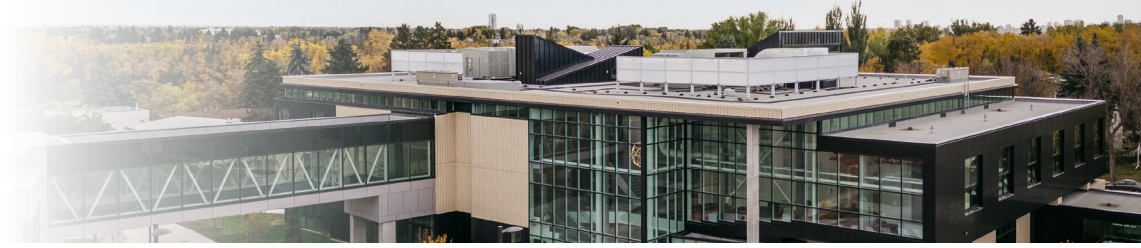
**12:10 - 12:30 pm** Adopting New Technologies and Innovations in Enhancing Clinical Excellence in Wounds

Presenter:  
Chester Ho, MD





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### Strengthening the Foundation: Pedorthic Management in DFU Care and Limb Preservation

Presenter:  
Brian Scharfstein, C. Ped (C)



**12:50 – 1:10 pm**

### The Emerging Role of AI in Skin Health and Wound Care

Presenter:  
Martin Ferguson-Pell, PhD C.Phys FRSA



**1:10 – 1:25 pm**

### Questions, Discussion and Take-Aways

**1:25 - 2:10 pm**



### Sponsored Session – Gaining an EDGE on Wound Healing

Presenter:  
Michele Labbie, RN MN NP



**2:10 – 3:10 pm**

### Tabletop Exhibits and Coffee Break

### Organizational Perspectives

Moderator: Irmajean Bajnok, RN BSc MScN PhD FCAN FAAN



**3:10 – 3:30 pm**

### The Role of Organizations in Creating a Culture of Quality Skin Health and Wound Care

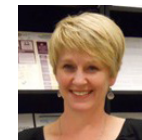
Presenter:  
John Hwang, MD MSc FRCSC



**3:30 – 3:50 pm**

### Health-Care Providers as Change Agents in Building a Better Wound Care Delivery System

Presenter:  
Sue Bookey-Bassett, RN BScN MEd PhD



**3:50 – 4:10 pm**

### The Role of the Wound Care Team in Creating a Culture of Skin Health and Wound Care: A Podiatrist's Perspective

Presenter:  
John Toole, DPM, FACFAS



**4:10 – 4:25 pm**

### Questions, Discussion and Take-Aways

**4:25 – 4:35 pm**

### Close and Thank You

Presenter:  
Irmajean Bajnok, RN BSc MScN PhD FCAN FAAN

