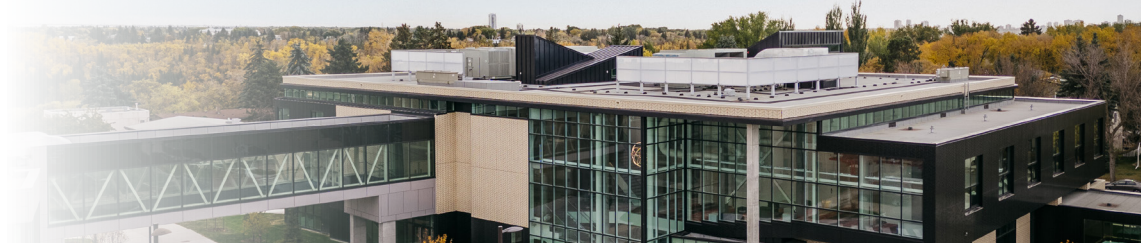




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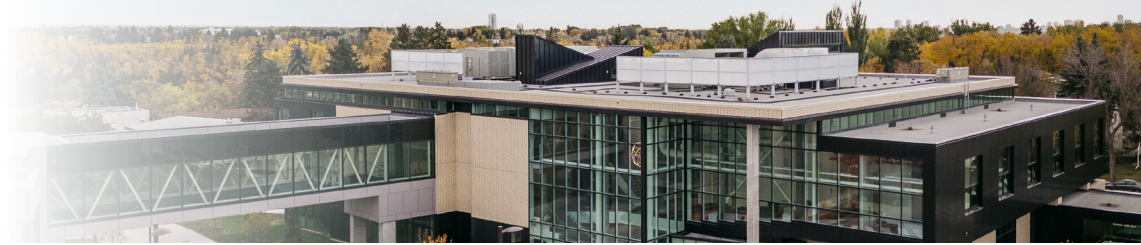
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TIME	Wednesday, June 17, 2026
7:30 - 8:30 am	Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:30 - 8:50 am	Opening and Welcome Presenter: Mariam Botros, MEd DCh IIWCC DE 
	My Healing Journey: A Message for Providers, Organizations and Systems Presenter: James 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 - URGO
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	New Technologies and Innovations in Enhancing Clinical Excellence in Vascular Ulcers and Pressure Injuries Presenter: Chester Ho, MD 
12:30 - 12:50 pm	The Emerging Role of AI in Skin Health and Wound Care Presenter: Martin Ferguson-Pell, PhD C.Phys FRSA 
12:50 - 1:10 pm	Strengthening the Foundation: Pedorthic Management in DFU Care and Limb Preservation Presenter: Brian Scharfstein, C. Ped (C) 
1:10 - 1:25 pm	Questions, Discussion and Take-Aways
1:25 - 2:10 pm	 Sponsored Session - Gaining an Edge in Wound Healing Presenter: Michele Labbie, RN MN NP 
2:10 - 3:10 pm	Tabletop Exhibits and Coffee Break




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	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	