



News in Wound Care

Resources

Collaborating Towards A New Edition Of *The International Pressure Injury Guideline*

Wounds Canada will collaborate with the National Pressure Injury Advisory Panel (NPIAP), the European Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel (EPUAP) and the Pan Pacific Pressure Injury Alliance (PPPIA) on the development of the fourth edition of the *International Pressure Injury Guideline*.

Working together as associate organizations, the cooperation will be reflected in the fourth edition of the *Guideline*.

Wounds Canada is delighted to support this cooperation and its important work by enhancing the focus on clinical expertise in this new edition, while recognizing the evolving needs in

wound care management. The *Guideline* aligns with Wounds Canada's mission and dedication to advancing research, care and patient outcomes.

Limb Preservation Journal Supplement Focuses On Indigenous Health-care

Based on insights shared during Wounds Canada's 2023 Limb Preservation Symposium last spring, a special supplement to the *Limb Preservation Journal* focused on Indigenous wound care was developed and published in September and released during Wounds Canada's National Conference. The supplement is filled with experiences of Indigenous health-care professionals and others serving this diverse and important community. It offers lessons to be learned not just for those working directly with Indigenous peoples, but for the limb preservation community in general.

Awareness and Advocacy

November Awareness Campaigns Focus On Important Issues

Wounds Canada ran two

awareness campaigns in the month of November for **STOP Pressure Injury Day** and **Diabetes Awareness Month**, to not only increase awareness of pressure injuries and diabetic foot but to promote methods of prevention, such as regular skin checks and best practices in management and treatment.

The first campaign titled *IT'S TIME to STOP Pressure Injuries* included collaborators such as the Alberta Health Services, Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI), Covenant Health, Health Association Nova Scotia, Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario and Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, while the second campaign for Diabetes Awareness Month was in collaboration with the Limb Preservation Alliance, launched officially at the beginning of the month. The Limb Preservation Alliance consists of the American Limb Preservation Society, the Canadian



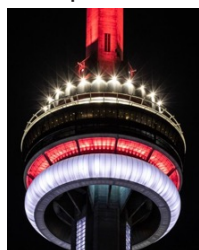
Podiatric Association, D-Foot International and Wounds Canada.

Wounds Canada's awareness campaigns highlight content and expert resources through a combination of social media posts, dedicated web pages, and collaborations with health-related organizations.

In the new year, Wounds Canada will be partnering with more organizations to convey key messages about timely wound care management subjects.

CN Tower Lit Up

The CN Tower was lit up on November 15, 2023 in advance of STOP Pressure Injury Day taking place the following day.



New Faces at Wounds Canada

Christina Locmelis has joined Wounds Canada as Director of Communications & Membership. She is responsible for leading the communications team and executing Wounds Canada's overall communications strategy. Christina has extensive experience working in the not-for-profit/associ-

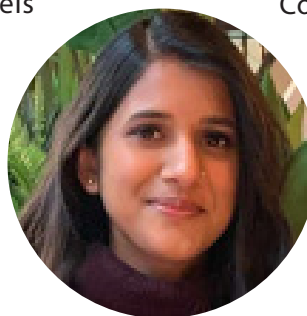



ation sector and has managed the successful development and implementation of multiple national and international award-winning awareness campaigns. She is a dedicated leader and strategist who excels at managing teams, engaging with members and stakeholders, generating awareness of organizational resources and activities and enhancing the public profile of organizations.

Christina holds a Master of Arts with specialization in Organizational Communication and a Bachelor of Arts in Communications with a minor in Psychology. Christina has also been an active volunteer for many worthy causes and various organizations and cur-

rently serves as a Director on the Board of the Canadian Foundation for Animal-Assisted Support Services.

Shagaana Giritharan joined Wounds Canada as Education Coordinator for the Skin Health Program in October. Previously, Shagaana worked as a medication delivery coordinator at Bayshore Specialty Pharmacy.



While pursuing her BA in Psychology at Toronto's York University, she worked as a student success team member for her school's Introduction to Psychology course. Outside of school and work, Shagaana is known for being a versatile dancer and respected teacher. She has been teaching the ancient Indian classical dance form Bharathanatyam, as well as other styles, to students of all ages, for almost five years now. 



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