



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: Moderator:  Muhammad Mamdani, PharmD MA MPH  Gregg Brown, MSc PMP CTDP		
9:15 - 10:15 am Sponsored Learning	Why Choose Two When One Will Do! Presenters: Moderator:   Josh Gohl, BScN RN NSWOC / WOCC  Paddy Markey, MSc Forensic Science. King's College London  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: Moderator:   Joshua Moralejo, RN BScN MScCH: WPC NSWOC WOCC(C) IIWCC  Kevin Woo, PhD RN NSWOC WOCC(C) FAPWCA  Perla Sandau, BN		
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: Moderator:  John Hwang, MD FRCSC  Nathalie Boudreau, RN DBA PMP CHE  Irmajean Bajnok, RN BSc MScN PhD FCAN FAAN		
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: Moderator:   Michele Labbie, RN MN NP  Karen Laforet, MCISc-WH RN NSWOC WOCC(C) CCHN(C) VA-BC CVAA(c)  Debashish Chakravarthy, PHD		
2:10 - 2:30 pm Sponsored Learning	NanoSALV Explained: Science, Healing, National Consensus and What's Next Presenters: Moderator:   Megan Leslie  Eric Fung, MD FRCSC  Douglas Queen, BSc PhD MBA		
2:35 - 2:50 pm	Greetings From Hon. Natalia Kusendova-Bashta Minister of Long Term Care, ON		



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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

Poster Abstract Moderator:



Jérôme Patry,
DPM MD CCMF
MSc

POLICY CAFÉ
Maple Room
(4:15-5:15 p.m.)

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 Drombolis
-O'Sullivan,
BScPT MCISc
(Wound Healing)

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Think All Foams Are Equal? How Evidence-Based Dressing Selection Can Improve Patient Outcomes

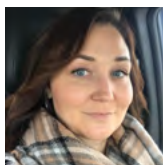
Presenters:



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 - 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



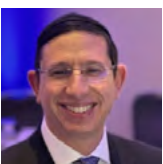
Ann Elford,
RN MSN CHPCNc

Moderator:

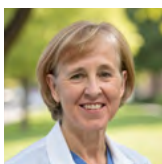
9:50 - 10:35 am

What's New in Diabetes? Overview of the New Treatment Tools and Impact on the Diabetic Foot

Presenter:



Jeremy Gilbert,
MD FRCPC



Robyn Evans,
BSc MD CCFP FCFP

Moderator:

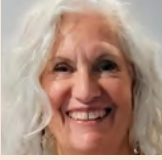


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10:45 - 11:30 am	Complications of Antibiotic Use and Possible Solutions Moderator:  Susie Jin, RPh CDE CRE Presenter:  Paul Bunce, MA MD FRCPC	Practical Tips and Tricks in Offloading for Diabetic Foot Presenters:  Linda Laakso, MSc CO(c) FCBC AWCCP  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	POLICY CAFÉ Maple Room 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)		
2:40 - 3:25 pm	Triple Threat: Inflammatory Wounds, Malignant Wounds and Vascular Insufficiency Moderator:  Andrew Springer, BSc DCh DE AWCCP FRSH Presenter:  David Croitoru, MSc MD FRCSC DABD	Clinical Wound Photography: Tips and Techniques Moderator:  Deirdre Drombolis -O'Sullivan, BScPT MCISc (Wound Healing) 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
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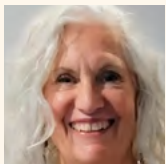
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4:30 - 5:15 pm

The Role of Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy in Wound Management

Co-moderators:

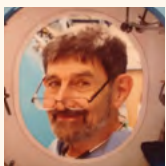


Anne Shantz,
RN BScN MCIScWH
NSWOC

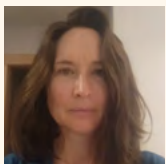


Punkuj Chawla,
MD

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



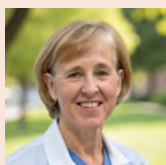
Marcia Migay,
MD HBSC IIWCC
PGDp Derm

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

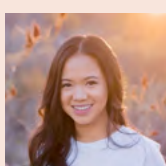
Facilitators:



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



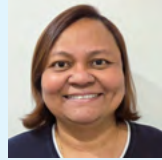
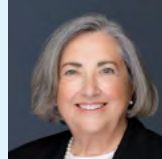
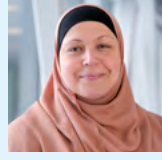
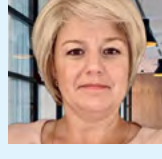
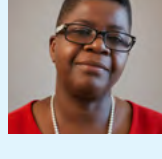
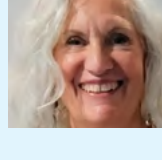


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7:30 - 8:30 am Sponsored Learning	Why Every Visit Matters: Reducing Pain, Preventing Complications and Improving Outcomes		
	Presenter:		Moderator:
	 Lindsay Burnett, MN NP CBRN	 James Pinto, BScN MN RN NP	 Nathalie Gingras, MBA
	 Marianne Lafleur, BSN RN NSWOC IIWCC		
8:40 – 9:00 am	Welcome and Celebrating our Scholarship and Research Award Recipients		Advancing Skin Health and Wound Care: A Practical Guide for Primary Care (8:45 - 10:45 am)
	Presenters:		Facilitators:
	 Helen Arputhanathan, MSc Wound Care (Australia) BScN RN IIWCC NSWOC WOCC(C)	 Andrew Springer, BSc DCh DE AWCCP FRSH	 Karen Chien, MD MSc CCFP (PC, COE) FCFP IIWCC
9:00 – 10:00 am	Best Practices in Resource-Constrained Settings	Dressings for Success (9:00 - 10:45 am)	
	Moderator:	Facilitators:	
	 Punkuj Chawla, MD	 Helen Arputhanathan, MSc Wound Care (Australia) BScN RN IIWCC NSWOC WOCC(C)	 Robyn Evans, BSc MD CCFP FCFP
	Presenters:		 Sheena Fortuna, RN MN NP-PHC
	 Jeremy Caul, RN BScN MCISc-WH CDE	 Patricia Coutts, RN IIWCC (CAN)	
	 Deirdre Drombolis-O'Sullivan, BScPT MCISc (Wound Healing)	 Joumana Fawaz, Clinical Nurse Specialist	
		 Crystal McCallum, MCISc-WH BScN RN	
		 Jackie Savoie, RN MSN WOCN	
		 Anne Shantz, RN BScN MCIScWH NSWOC	
10:00 – 10:45 am	Acute Limb Ischemia: Awareness, Rapid Recognition, and Interprofessional Care		
	Moderator:		
	 Lyndsay Orr, PT MCISc-WH PhD		
	Presenter:		
	 John R. Coates, BSc MD CCFP FCFP		
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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:



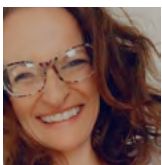
Kaylem Boileau,
RD HBSc BASc
MHSc IIWCC-CAN



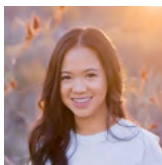
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BScPT MCISc
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RN MN NP-PHC

3:55 - 4:10 pm

Wounds Canada and You - Concluding Remarks

Presenter:



Irmajean Bajnok,
RN BSc MScN PhD
FCAN FAAN