

2021 Wounds Canada National Conference

Connect, Collaborate, Co-create

Conference Goals and Session Objectives

Conference Goals

1. Bring together local, national and international experts in the field of wound prevention and care
2. Assist practitioners to incorporate the most recent scientific evidence, technology and tools related to wound prevention and care into practice
3. Review and discuss the extent and quality of evidence surrounding the prevention and care of different types of wounds
4. Discuss practical, patient-centered, cost-effective approaches to wound prevention and care
5. Discuss the policy implications of wound care-related clinical decisions and vice-versa
6. Provide an avenue for communication and collaboration between practitioners, patients/families and industry

Session #2

Panel Discussion: Closing the Gap on Pressure Injuries: Where Are We Now and Where Are We Going?

Session Objectives

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Discuss the global prevalence and health-system burden of pressure injuries
2. Describe the current state of pressure injury prevention and management from a global perspective
3. Identify novel approaches and modalities to pressure injury prevention and management
4. Discuss the challenges of and future directions for pressure injury prevention and management

Session #6

The Role of Mental Health in Managing Chronic Wounds.

Session Objectives

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Describe the role and impact of mental health on persons living with chronic wounds
2. Discuss how to integrate mental health into the provision of wound care
3. Identify strategies to improve mental health in the field of wound care from the patient, provider, and policy maker perspectives

Session #8

Complex Wound Case Reviews: Gender Re-affirming Surgical Complications, Factitious Ulcers, and Life-altering Burns.

Session Objectives

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Use the Wound Prevention and Management Cycle to approach the assessment and management of complex wounds
2. Identify when a complex wound requires specialized care
3. Discuss the successes and challenges of managing complex wounds

Session #11

The Impact of COVID-19: Challenges, Solutions, and Future Trends in Wound Care.

Session Objectives

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Describe the challenges faced in the provision of wound care and the innovations arising during the COVID-19 pandemic
2. Discuss the positive and negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on wound care patients, caregivers, and providers
3. Postulate how virtual care and other patient-centered strategies may be integrated into wound care moving forward

Session #12

So Many Options, So Little Time: Dressing Selection Tips from the Experts.

Session Objectives

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Identify the qualities of an “ideal wound dressing”
2. Describe how researchers evaluate the physical properties/biomechanical efficacy of wound dressings
3. Demonstrate a pragmatic approach to selecting wound dressings that meet the needs of patients and their wounds and that take into consideration environment and system factors
4. Use clinician enablers, like the Wounds Canada Product Pickers, to aid in dressing selection

Session #13

The Future of Wound Care: Oral Poster Presentations.

Session Objectives

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Describe research being done related to skin health and wound care on a local, provincial, and national level

Session #15

Panel Discussion: Sex, Gender, Ethnic, and Racial Disparities in Limb Salvage in North America.

Session Objectives

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Define the term “health disparity”
2. Examine the relationship between sex, gender, ethnicity, and race and:
 - a. access to limb preservation services in North America; and,
 - b. patient outcomes (specific to limb preservation).
3. Identify strategies to address health and healthcare disparities to improve the experience and outcomes of people at risk for non-traumatic lower limb amputation

Session #19

Current and Emerging Treatments for People Living with Lower Limb Ulcers.

Session Objectives

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Describe how an audible handheld Doppler can be utilized in place of a traditional ankle-brachial pressure index test to rule out significant peripheral arterial disease and to help guide treatment of venous ulcers
2. Discuss the role and impact of exercise on lower limb ulcer healing and pain management
3. Identify the indications for the surgical management of hard-to-heal venous, mixed, and arterial ulcers

Session #21

The Continuum of Care: Improving Transitions of Patients with Wounds.

Session Objectives

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Identify the current gaps and challenges experienced by patients, families, and clinicians as patients with wounds transition from pediatric to adult services and/or from one health care setting/sector to another
2. Discuss potential strategies to improve the experience of patients with wounds and their families and clinicians as they transition from service to service or setting or sector
3. List the key factors that will enable a successful transition of care for a patient with a wound

Session #22

What Am I Looking At? Dermatological Conditions and Inflammatory Ulcers for Generalists.

Session Objectives

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Identify and diagnose common dermatological conditions and inflammatory ulcers encountered by generalist clinicians

Session #25

The Future of Wound Prevention and Care: Gene Therapy, Dermal Substitutes, Platelet-rich Plasma, 3-D Printing.

Session Objectives

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Discuss the role of (and evidence for and accessibility to) new and emerging therapies like gene therapy, dermal substitutes, platelet-rich plasma and 3-D printing in the prevention and management of complex wounds
2. Identify the merits and pitfalls of advanced therapies in wound healing in Canada

Session #26

The Future of Wound Care: Oral Poster Presentations.

Session Objectives

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Describe research being done related to skin health and wound care on a local, provincial, and national level

Session #28

Panel Discussion: Improving Equitable Access to Quality Wound Prevention and Care in Canada.

Session Objectives

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Discuss the inequities and level of awareness of the current state of wound care in Canada
2. Identify the necessary changes required to achieve equity in wound care in Canada, from a systems perspective
3. Evaluate the challenges and roadblocks from patient, provider and systems perspectives on the road to equity in wound care in Canada

Session #32

New and Emerging Trends in Diabetic Foot Ulcer Prevention and Treatment.

Session Objectives

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Describe new and emerging strategies and therapies to prevent and treat foot ulcers in people living with diabetes
2. Discuss the integration of virtual care and patient voices into diabetic foot ulcer prevention and treatment pathways

Session #34

Practical Solutions to Malnutrition in Wound Prevention and Care.

Session Objectives

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Identify pragmatic strategies to address malnutrition in people living with or at risk for wounds
2. Describe the role of technology and social media in improving nutrition in this population

Session #37

Promoting Autonomy, Empowerment, and Self-Management in Patients with Wounds.

Session Objectives

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Examine the role of autonomy and rights of an individual in decision making and self-management
2. Describe the concepts, dimensions, and outcomes of patient empowerment
3. Identify barriers and solutions to patient engagement in self-management of complex wounds

Session #38

What Would You Do? Complex Traumatic Wound Case Reviews.

Session Objectives

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Use the Wound Prevention and Management Cycle to approach the assessment and management of complex wounds
2. Identify when a complex wound requires specialized care
3. Discuss the successes and challenges of managing complex wounds

Session #39

Tips from the Experts: The Management of Frostbite, Scars, and Use of Topical Wound Preparations.

Session Objectives

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Use the Wound Prevention and Management Cycle to approach the assessment and management of severe frostbite injuries
2. Identify strategies to prevent and treat complex scars
3. Identify when a frostbite injury or complex scar requires specialized care
4. Discuss the successes and challenges of managing frostbite injuries and complex scars
5. Discuss the utilization of topical wound preparations in wound treatment