

From the Editor

Welcome to the first issue of *Limb Preservation in Canada*, a new publication from Wounds Canada. This publication began as a supplement to *Wound Care Canada* to provide a summary of the sessions offered in the New Perspectives in Diabetic Limb Preservation symposium held in Toronto in May 2019. But, as we put together the summaries of the event, plus the summit held the evening before the event, we knew a single supplement wouldn't satisfy the overall knowledge needs of Canadian researchers, clinicians and policy makers working in this area—and especially the needs of those not yet involved with this very serious and complex topic. As a result, we decided to create an annual, standalone publication—*Limb Preservation in Canada*—and turn it into a peer-reviewed journal aimed at advancing knowledge and its application to practice, research and policy making for this growing community.

This inaugural issue is, however, as we first envisioned it, containing highlights of the summit (page 11), summaries of the sessions presented in the New Perspectives in Diabetic Limb Preservation symposium (page 16), plus two bonuses: a list of resources readers can access to assist them in their clinician/policy/research decision making (page 51) and an article on the development of an infographic that can be used to increase awareness and provide education about preventing and managing diabetic foot complications (page 55).



Subsequent issues of *Limb Preservation in Canada* will feature an expanded range of article types to improve the understanding among stakeholders working in the area of limb preservation, provide insights into how to apply new knowledge, and strengthen the community's bonds.

A number of individuals have been involved in getting us to this point. Ahmed Kayssi first proposed the idea of Wounds Canada hosting a limb preservation meeting. From there, the Wounds Canada team, under the guidance of CEO Mariam Botros, moved the plan from idea to final products: the symposium and the pre-symposium summit of experts. James Hill, president of the Canadian Podiatric Medical Association, brought in the support of his organization as a partner in the symposium. Both Ahmed and James were key contributors throughout the planning and execution processes. Our industry partners provided their expertise at the booths during the symposium. Symposium delegates cemented connections with colleagues through networking and brought their passion and curiosity to enliven the discussions during the events.

The symposium and associated activities demonstrated that the Canadian limb-preservation community is already thriving. Through *Limb Preservation in Canada* we hope to support and enrich this community over the coming years.

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