

Canadian Association of Wound Care News

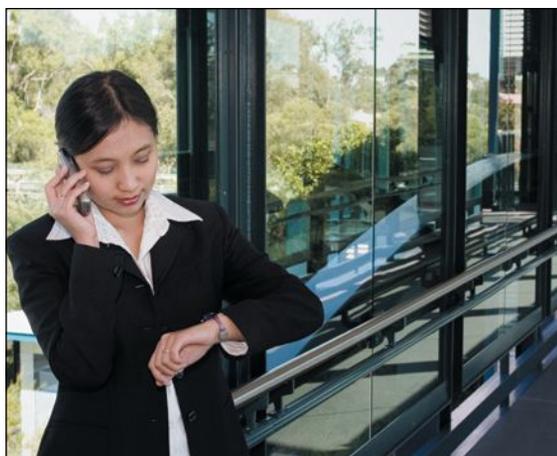
CAWC Conference

Time is running out! Have you registered for the 11th Annual Conference of the Canadian Association of Wound Care? It will be held in Montreal on November 12–15, 2005, at the Palais des congrès.

Bridging Wound Care Communities is the theme of this year's conference. Our special guest, Danièle Sauvageau, knows how important building bridges can be, having led the Canadian women's hockey team to Olympic victory. As keynote speaker, she will inspire those attendees who wish to get involved in their respective practice communities.

To emphasize the importance of an interdisciplinary approach to wound care, the majority of the sessions and workshops will be delivered by pairs or groups of experts, facilitating the creation of bridges between professionals of different practice communities and contributing to the harmonization of wound care.

For more information or to register online, please visit the CAWC Web site at www.cawc.net. See you in Montreal!



Conférence de l'ACSP

Le temps passe vite... Vous êtes-vous inscrits à la 11^e conférence annuelle de l'Association canadienne du soin des plaies? Elle aura lieu à Montréal au Palais des congrès, du 12 au 15 novembre 2005.

Réunir les communautés de pratique en soin des plaies est le thème de la conférence de cette année, et notre invitée spéciale, Danielle Sauvageau, sait à quel point il est important d'établir des ponts, elle qui a su mener à la victoire l'équipe canadienne de hockey féminin aux Jeux Olympiques. À titre de conférencière d'honneur, elle saura sûrement être une source d'inspiration pour ceux et celles qui souhaitent s'impliquer activement dans leurs communautés de pratique respectives.

Dans le but de souligner l'importance de l'interdisciplinarité dans les soins de plaie, la majorité des sessions et des ateliers seront animés en duo ou en groupes d'experts, ce qui favorisera la création de liens solides et durables entre les professionnels des différentes communautés de pratique pour ainsi contribuer à l'harmonisation du soin des plaies.

Pour plus d'information ou pour vous inscrire en ligne, visitez le site web de l'ACSP à www.cawc.net. Au plaisir de vous rencontrer à Montréal!



Discussion Forum Winners

When the CAWC Web Discussion Forum was relaunched almost two years ago, the CAWC offered an incentive to create interest. Since then, 20 lucky forum "post-ers" have won CAWC CD sets. The prizes are gone for now, but the real incentives to get involved in the forum live on: connect with your colleagues, ask questions about topics that concern you and offer your expertise to help others. Visit the forum at www.cawc.net/open/forums/discussion_forum.html.

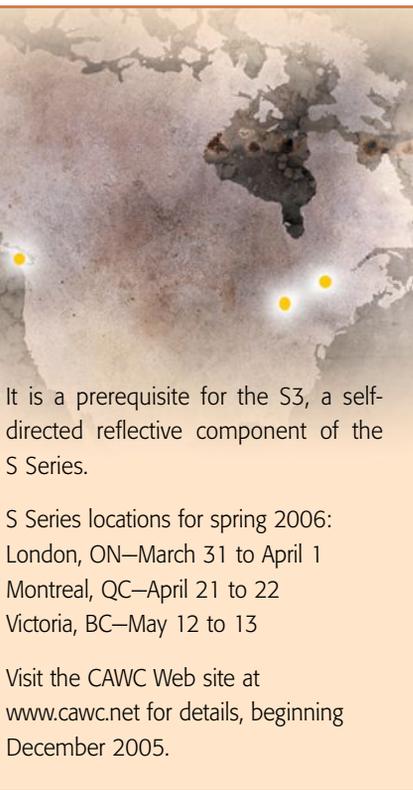
S Series Spring Tour

The educational S Series workshops presented by the Canadian Association of Wound Care will continue this coming spring in three cities across Canada. Each two-day session is based on best practice principles for wound bed preparation, pressure ulcers, venous ulcers and diabetic foot ulcers. The first day, the S1, is "Knowledge Learning: Understanding the CAWC Best Practice Recommendations," which provides an overview, a background and a context for the CAWC best practice recommendations. It is a prerequisite for S2. The S2 section, which begins on the second day, is an interactive day entitled "Skills Learning: Hands-on Workshops in the Fundamental Wound Healing Skills," with a focus on vascular assessment, compression therapy and debridement.

It is a prerequisite for the S3, a self-directed reflective component of the S Series.

S Series locations for spring 2006:
London, ON—March 31 to April 1
Montreal, QC—April 21 to 22
Victoria, BC—May 12 to 13

Visit the CAWC Web site at www.cawc.net for details, beginning December 2005.



Does Your Facility Have an Opening for a Wound-care Specialist?

Did you know the CAWC Web site offers facilities with wound-care jobs a place to post employment opportunities? The Job Market area is tailor-made for facilities wanting to reach the widest possible targeted audience. Not only is it regularly visited by wound-care specialists from all across the country, but it's free! Visit the CAWC Web site for details on how to post a job listing.



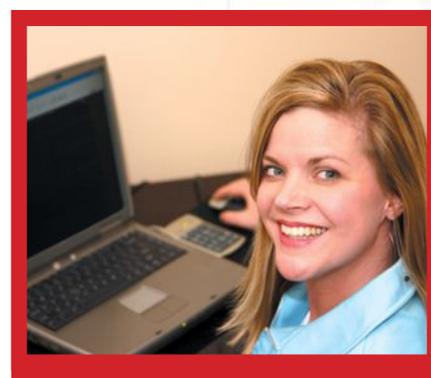
Pressure Ulcer Awareness Campaign

The CAWC is preparing to launch a Pressure Ulcer Awareness Campaign (PUAC) in November 2005 at the national meeting in Montreal, Quebec. In June 2005, a task force met in Toronto to begin preliminary discussion on the strategic planning for the campaign. Members of the task force are chair David Keast, MD; Cathy Burrows RN; Pat Coutts, RN; Connie Harris, RN; Leah Shapera, RN; Gail Woodbury, PhD; Sue Rosenthal CAWC Communications and Web Consultant; and Ann Gallery from High View Communications. During the day-long session, task force members discussed the first phase of the campaign.

The purpose of the project will be to develop mechanisms to raise awareness of the prevalence of pressure ulcers in Canada. The target groups for the awareness campaign will be patients, clinicians, lay caregivers, and facility administrators. Five facilities/agencies across Canada will be selected for a pilot program. These facilities/agencies will be asked to assign a champion to their project who will promote the campaign. This champion will be provided with the materials and evaluations developed by the CAWC. Follow-up work will look at changes in awareness of pressure ulcers as a result of the campaign.

Modifications will be made based on the evaluation of results, and the second phase of the project will then extend to a larger, national campaign.

The CAWC hopes to make pressure awareness a part of public policy for local, provincial and federal governments. Education and resource materials will be developed by the appropriate CAWC committees and members. Finally, the Association plans to partner with organizations, agencies and other associations who have an interest in pressure ulcer prevention.



You've Got Questions, We've Got Answers

The CAWC Discussion Forum at

www.cawc.net is the only place in Canada accessible to every wound-care clinician in the country. It's a great way to tap into a national network of wound-care professionals. Visit it today!

