

The Challenge of Ongoing Education



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Even in our pressed-for-time society, good wound-care practitioners are constantly seeking ways to improve their knowledge and skills through ongoing education. Fortunately, wound-care organizations, whether non-profit or corporate, offer a wide variety of methods that clinicians can employ to improve their practices, even when they can't take time away from their facilities.

Throughout this issue of *Wound Care Canada*, readers will find a number of different avenues they can use to advance their practices, regardless of available time or financial resources. *Wound Care Canada* itself is one such tool and is designed to provide practi-

tioners from many disciplines with articles on a range of topics and on different levels of assumed knowledge. This issue is no exception. In addition to articles covering topics such as bariatric medicine, facial wounds, and the use of honey in wound healing, this issue focuses on several education-specific subjects, such as the use of the Web for self-education (see Using the Web for Ongoing Self-education on page 50), the experiences of CAWC scholarship winners in the pursuit of educational initiatives (see Last Word in the First Person, page 56), how to choose the best wound-care conference to suit your needs and get the

best educational experience once there (page 36), as well as news about a new certificate program offered by the University of Toronto that will move IIWCC graduates closer to a Master's degree. The article entitled "Foot Care for Persons With Type 2 Diabetes: Can a Teaching Video Improve Compliance?" on page 20 addresses how one type of education, clinician education, can affect another type of education, patient education.

With so many options available, clinicians have many excellent opportunities for furthering their wound-care education. ☺

Sue Rosenthal, Editor

Le défi de la formation continue

Même dans notre société bousculée par le temps, les bons praticiens du soin des plaies sont constamment à la recherche de moyens d'améliorer leurs connaissances et leurs compétences par le biais de la formation continue. Heureusement, les organisations du soin des plaies, qu'elles soient ou non à but lucratif, offrent une grande variété de méthodes que les cliniciens peuvent utiliser pour améliorer leur pratique, même lorsqu'ils ne peuvent s'absenter de leur lieu de travail.

Dans ce numéro de *Wound Care Canada*, les lecteurs trouveront plusieurs avenues à utiliser pour améliorer leur pratique, sans égard au temps disponible ou aux ressources financières. *Wound Care Canada* est en soi un outil

conçu pour fournir aux praticiens de plusieurs disciplines des articles sur des sujets variés, adaptés à leurs divers niveaux de connaissance supposés. Ce numéro ne fait pas exception. En plus d'articles portant sur des sujets comme la médecine bariatrique, les plaies faciales et l'utilisation du miel dans le soin des plaies, il présente plusieurs sujets liés à l'éducation, notamment l'utilisation du Web pour l'auto-apprentissage (voir "Using of the Web for Ongoing Self-education" à la page 50) et les initiatives éducatives des récipiendaires des bourses de l'ACSP (voir "Last Word in the First Person, page 56). Ce numéro donne des recommandations sur la façon de choisir une conférence sur le soin des plaies qui convient

à vos besoins pour en faire une expérience éducative optimale (page 36). On présente un nouveau programme d'accréditation offert par l'Université de Toronto qui permettra aux diplômés de l'IIWCC de se rapprocher d'une maîtrise. L'article intitulé "Foot Care for Persons Living with Type 2 Diabetes : Can a Teaching Video Improve Compliance?" à la page 20 relate comment un type d'éducation, à savoir la formation des cliniciens, peut affecter un autre type d'éducation, la formation des patients.

Avec tant de choix offerts, les cliniciens ont à leur portée de nombreuses occasions de parfaire leur formation en soin des plaies. ☺

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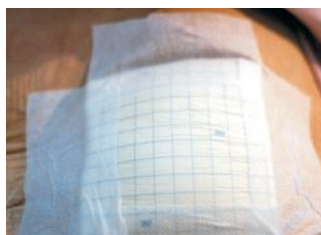
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L'Association canadienne du soin des plaies est un organisme sans but lucratif regroupant des professionnels de la santé, des gens de l'industrie, des patients et des membres du personnel soignant fortement intéressés à l'avancement des connaissances pour le soin des plaies au Canada.

Fondée en 1995, l'ACSP organise, chaque année, au Canada, un congrès qui lui tient lieu de réunion officielle, le Congrès annuel de l'ACSP. L'association consacre ses efforts dans cinq domaines particuliers : les politiques gouvernementales, la pratique clinique, la formation, la recherche et la création de liens avec la communauté internationale directement impliquée dans le soin des plaies. L'Association canadienne du soin des plaies vise une amélioration significative du soin donné au patient, des résultats cliniques et de la satisfaction professionnelle des spécialistes en soin des plaies.

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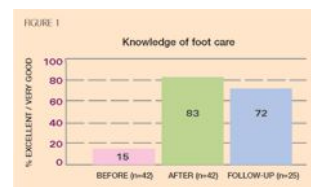


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