

# Leading the Way in Wound Care



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It is easy to take for granted how blessed we are in Canada to have an abundance of world leaders in wound care. But the evidence is all around us—if we look. This special issue of *Wound Care Canada* is one example of the important contribution Canadian wound-care experts make in assisting clinicians and patients, not just in this country but around the world.

This issue contains the updated versions of the Best Clinical Practice Recommendation articles that first appeared in *Ostomy/Wound Management* in 2000. In the ensuing years, the original articles formed the basis of Canadian wound-care learning (they are the required readings for

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the CAWC's S-Series, for example), and underlie the CAWC's Quick Reference Guides for Best Practice, which have become mainstays for wound-care professionals in every type of facility.

We at *Wound Care Canada* are pleased and honoured to offer these updated articles, which have been written by Canada's top wound-care experts and co-ordinated by guest editors David Keast and Heather Orsted. Based on the impact of the original articles, we

are certain this issue will become a valuable wound-care resource for years to come. And because of our policy of making all articles in *Wound Care Canada* available at no cost in both print form and on the Web, wound-care clinicians in all parts of the world will have access to this important resource—another reason why Canada continues to be viewed as an international leader in wound care. ☺

Sue Rosenthal, Editor

## Être un chef de file dans le soin des plaies

Il est facile de tenir pour acquis à quel point nous sommes choyés au Canada d'avoir une abondance d'autorités mondiales dans le soin des plaies. Mais les preuves sont autour de nous — si nous ouvrons les yeux. Ce numéro spécial de *Wound Care Canada* est un exemple de l'importante contribution apportée par les experts canadiens en soin des plaies pour aider les cliniciens et les patients, non seulement dans ce pays, mais également dans le monde entier.

Ce numéro contient les mises à jour des articles sur les Recommandations sur les meilleures pratiques cliniques qui ont d'abord été publiées dans *Ostomy/Wound Management* en 2000. Au cours des années suivantes, les articles originaux ont formé la base de l'apprentissage

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canadien sur le soin des plaies (ce sont les lectures obligatoires pour la Série S de l'ACSP, par exemple), et constituent la base des Guides de référence rapide pour la meilleure pratique de l'ACSP, qui sont devenus des éléments de base pour les professionnels en soin des plaies dans chaque type d'établissement.

Il nous fait plaisir et nous sommes honorés, à *Wound Care Canada*, de vous offrir la mise à jour de ces articles, qui ont été écrits par des experts canadiens de renom en soin des plaies et coordonnés par les rédacteurs invités David Keast et Heather Orsted. D'après l'impact

des articles originaux, ce numéro deviendra sûrement une ressource utile dans le soin des plaies pour des années à venir. Et en raison de notre politique de fournir gratuitement tous les articles dans *Wound Care Canada* en version imprimée et sur le Web, les cliniciens en soin des plaies de tous les coins du monde auront accès à cette importante ressource — une autre raison pour laquelle le Canada continue d'être perçu comme un meneur international dans le soin des plaies. ☺

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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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