

Sharing Knowledge, Experience and Expertise



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The Canadian Association of Wound Care and its primary publication, *Wound Care Canada*, are, first and foremost, a means through which wound-care clinicians can share what they know and what they need to know. The Annual Conference, the S-Series and the Web site all support this vision.

In this issue, as with every other, each article is another example of this vision. In "News in Wound Care," practitioners can read about upcoming events and the latest from our corporate partners. The articles in the Clinical Practice section range from a basic "How Wounds Heal" to the more advanced "Puzzling Cases," with

other topics that clinicians have expressed interest in to round things out. Our "Ask the Expert" article focuses on patient adherence and is nicely complemented by the article on compression stockings, in which the authors share their expertise in overcoming specific patient objections and common complaints related to adherence. In the Research article "How to Develop a Poster," the authors share their best tips on how to create and present professional-level conference posters—which is another great way to share knowledge and expertise with other health-care professionals! Even though every article is edu-

cational, our Education section contains specific information on courses, programs and processes that readers can access to further their knowledge and expertise. Our Interview and a special feature on Nurses in Industry give our subjects an opportunity to share their first-person perspectives with readers, for a behind-the-scenes look at two quite different aspects of wound care.

I hope after reading this issue of *Wound Care Canada*, you'll share your thoughts on the articles with other clinicians. ☺

Sue Rosenthal,
Editor

Partager les connaissances, l'expérience, et l'expertise

L'Association canadienne du soin des plaies, et sa principale publication, *Wound Care Canada*, sont d'abord et avant tout un moyen par lequel les cliniciens en soin des plaies peuvent partager leurs connaissances et exprimer ce qu'ils doivent savoir. La conférence annuelle, la Série S et le site Web appuient cette vision.

Et dans ce numéro, comme dans tous les autres, chaque article reflète cette vision. Dans la section « News in Wound Care », les praticiens peuvent se tenir au courant des événements à venir et des nouvelles les plus récentes provenant de nos partenaires corporatifs.

Les articles de la section de « Pratique clinique » vont d'une notion de base comme « How

Wounds Heal » à des sujets plus avancés comme « Puzzling Cases », et d'autres sujets pour lesquels les cliniciens ont exprimé de l'intérêt. Notre article « Ask the Expert » porte sur la fidélité au traitement, et se complète bien par l'article sur les bas de compression, dans lequel les auteurs partagent leur expertise à surmonter les objections spécifiques des patients et les plaintes liées au suivi du traitement. Dans l'article de recherche « How to Develop a Poster », les auteurs exposent leurs meilleurs trucs sur

la façon de créer et de présenter des affiches de conférence de calibre professionnel – une autre bonne façon de partager les connaissances et l'expertise avec d'autres professionnels de la

santé! Même si chaque article est à caractère éducatif, notre section sur l'« Éducation » contient des renseignements spécifiques sur les cours, les programmes et les processus auxquels les lecteurs peuvent accéder pour parfaire leurs connaissances et leurs expertises. Notre « Interview » et une chronique spéciale sur les infirmières dans l'industrie donnent à nos sujets une occasion de partager leurs perspectives de première main avec les lecteurs, pour un aperçu en coulisse de deux aspects tout à fait différents du soin des plaies. J'espère qu'après avoir lu ce numéro de *Wound Care Canada*, vous partagerez vos idées sur les articles avec d'autres cliniciens. ☺

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The CAWC was formed in 1995, and its official meeting is the CAWC annual conference held in Canada each year. The association's efforts are focused on five key areas: public policy, clinical practice, education, research and connecting with the international wound-care community. The CAWC works to significantly improve patient care, clinical outcomes and the professional satisfaction of wound-care clinicians.

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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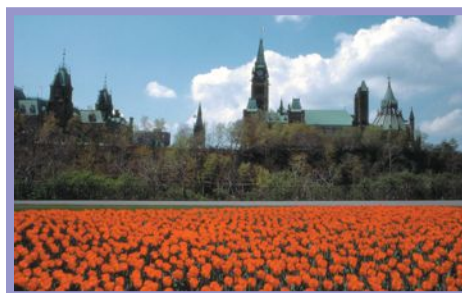
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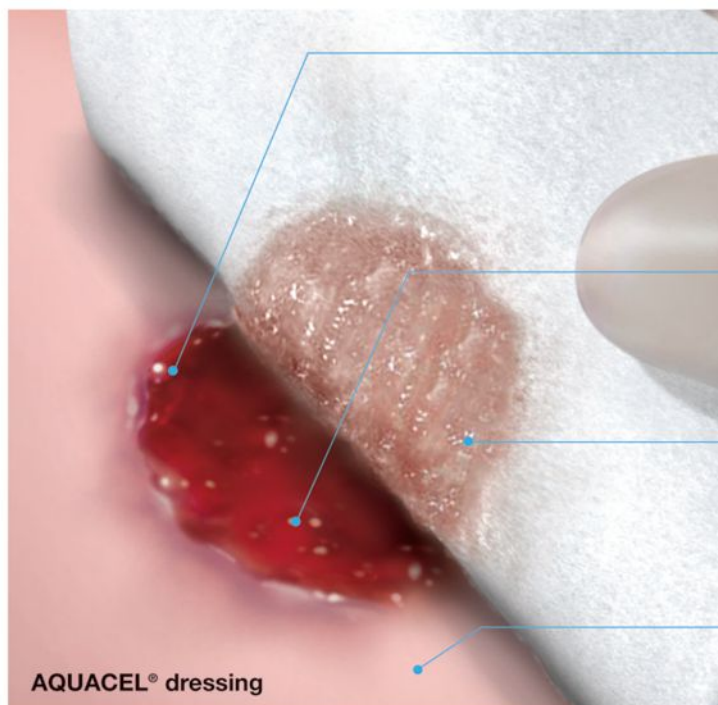
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