

Canadian Association of Wound Care News

CAWC Scholarships

The CAWC supports the ongoing professional development of its members by offering a variety of scholarships each year. There are three different categories of scholarships offered by the CAWC:



1. Educational Scholarships available to CAWC members resident in Canada (number = 7)
2. Educational Scholarships available to residents of countries other than Canada (number = 1)
3. Research Scholarships available to CAWC members resident in Canada (number = 3)

The scholarships are worth up to \$2,500 each and serve to support educational and research initiatives that promote best practice and improve patient care within the wound-care community. Scholarship recipients are named each year at the CAWC Annual Conference.

For details about scholarship offerings, deadline dates and application procedures, please visit the Scholarship section of the CAWC Web site at www.cawc.net/open/scholarship/scholarships.html. Don't miss out on an excellent opportunity to further your career with CAWC support.

2008: A Special Year in Wound Care in Canada World Union of Wound Healing Societies (WUWHS)

The year 2008 will be a special one for wound care in Canada. The CAWC is the premier hosting society for the 2008 World Union of Wound Healing Societies congress, which will be held June 4–8 in Toronto, at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Wound-care opinion leaders from around the world will gather to exchange information and ideas and develop consensus documents on important wound-care topics. A special Canadian Perspectives stream will showcase Canadian wound care to the world. In 2008, the world is coming to Toronto. Plan to be there!

Information on registration, faculty, agendas and call for abstracts is available online at www.worldunion2008.com.



Certification for Wound Care

The CAWC is actively investigating certification for wound-care specialists. Watch the CAWC Web site for information on this important initiative.

CAWC Conference Set for London, Ontario, November 1–4, 2007

The 13th Annual Conference of the Canadian Association of Wound Care will be held November 1–4, 2007, in the beautiful London Convention Centre, London, Ontario. The theme of this year's conference is "Do you Measure Up? Assessing and Measuring Outcomes." Whether you are a wound-care novice or a long-time expert, the conference sessions, hands-on workshops, networking opportunities, poster displays and special events offer something for everyone. See you in London!

For more details, online registration and call-for-abstract information, please visit the Conference section of the CAWC Web site at www.cawc.net/open/conference/conferences.html. Complete conference information and online registration will be posted in May.

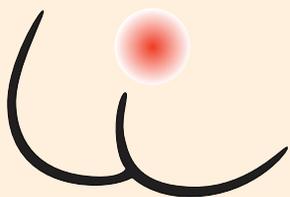
CAWC Special Meetings in 2008

For those unable to attend the WUWHS congress or who want to further their exploration of topics presented at the congress, the CAWC will be bringing the world to you in 2008! In place of the annual conference, the CAWC has planned two “theme meetings”—one in Halifax and one in Victoria—in fall 2008. These mini conferences will offer the best of the CAWC and World Union 2008, taking the most significant presentations and reprising them especially for the Canadian wound-care reality in two very special events. Watch the CAWC Web site for more information on these unique educational opportunities.



Pressure Ulcer Awareness Program

At the CAWC Annual Conference in Ottawa this past November, the CAWC presented the results of the Pressure Ulcer Awareness Program pilot that ran between April and September 2006. The results of the pilot were stunning, with positive changes seen in awareness, practice, policy and pressure-ulcer prevalence in the facilities that ran the pilot (see Overview of Pilot



Program on page 40 of this issue). The program is now available to health-care facilities in Canada. The cost of the program is about the equivalent of treating one pressure ulcer per year. Can your facility afford not to have it? For more information on obtaining the program, please visit the PUAP Web site at www.preventpressureulcers.ca, e-mail us at cawc@sympatico.ca or call Cary Steinman at 416-782-2350.

CAWC in the News - PUAP Garner Media Attention

Once the PUAP was presented at the CAWC conference, media interest in the program was immediate. Here's a short list of some of the places articles about the program have appeared to date.

Advances in Skin and Wound Care presented preliminary information about the PUAP in their December e-news and followed up with more details in their spring issue. Read the preliminary e-announcement at www.nursingcenter.com/upload/static/403753/ASWC_Inthisissue_Dec06.htm#5.

The autumn 2006 issue of *International Review of Patient Care* featured an article written by our own PUAP team. You can read the article online at www.hospitalmanagement.net/features/feature748/.

An article in *Rehab & Community Care Medicine's* Winter 2006 issue presented information about the program as well as pressure ulcer prevention tips for patients.

Focus on Research

One of the goals of the Research Committee is “to foster and encourage involvement in research by interested health-care providers and trainees.” To that end, we would like to remind you about the three scholarships specifically designated for people who are conducting research projects (see Scholarships, previous page).

We would also like to make you aware that, in addition to offering the research scholarships, the CAWC will be posting a request for proposals (RFP) for a research grant to fund one or more projects. Details and priority topics will be announced soon. Watch for more information on the CAWC Web site www.cawc.net in the near future.

Education

The CAWC's S-Series is a popular educational initiative that takes its show on the road each year, reaching hundreds of clinicians in their own regions. This spring the CAWC has planned three dates for the S-Series: Kelowna, BC – March 23–24 at the Grand Okanagan Lakefront Resort; Halifax, NS – April 16–17 at the World Trade & Convention Centre; and Montreal, QC – May 6–7 (in French) at the Hyatt Regency Montreal.

Please visit the Education section of the CAWC Web site at www.cawc.net/open/education/index.html for more information and online registration, then mark you calendars so you don't miss out on this great educational program! Registration is limited.



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latest wound-care information.