

Where Does Your Money Go?

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As members of the (volunteer) Board of Directors of the CAWC, we're often asked to explain how the association works, especially how money is generated and spent.

In the area of finances, in particular, the CAWC differs from other similar non-profit associations. How? The operations of the CAWC have been self-financing since its inception. The CAWC does not receive any federal or provincial government support for its ongoing operations. The association conducts business in a fiscally responsible manner with a balanced budget each year while providing for financial contingencies and future strategic initiatives through an annual contribution to a reserve fund. Some of the key programs include

- **an annual national conference** every fall that has diversified educational sessions and presentations by national and international speakers to satisfy those looking for basic or advanced information, a research stream, poster presentations and product exhibitions
- **the S-Series**, a popular educational program delivered in different locations around the country each spring, with a focus on fundamental knowledge of wound care and hands-on skill development
- **Wound Care Canada**, Canada's first publication devoted entirely to wound care
- **an interactive, bilingual Web site** (www.cawc.net) that carries a wealth of information, with everything from a discussion forum, job postings, and links to wound-care events and other wound-care organizations, to information about educational programs put on by the CAWC, a resource library with free down-

loads of important wound-related articles, a boutique for the purchase of wound-care essentials, and more

- **the administration of scholarships** for the improvement of wound-care research and practice
- **international partnerships** and initiatives for furthering wound care in Canada and around the world
- **the recently launched Pressure Ulcer Prevention Program**, a quality improvement initiative designed to improve patient care, reduce clinician workload

and save the health-care system, and participating facilities, money

- **ongoing CAWC member communication** through e-bulletins, a members-only section of the Web site, and an in-the-works member directory

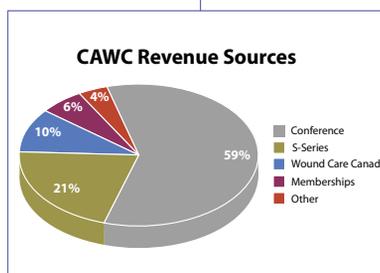
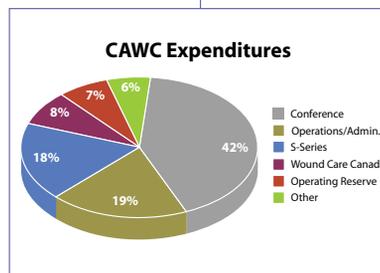
How does the CAWC support

these and other initiatives? The charts on this page show the significant sources as conferences, education initiatives, *Wound Care Canada* and memberships. The expenditures of the CAWC are primarily in conference, education, *Wound Care Canada* and operations.

CAWC membership is a great way to contribute to the advancement of wound care across Canada—and it provides tremendous value to the individual. CAWC members have access to

incomparable networking possibilities, a free subscription to *Wound Care Canada* and other select health-care publications, access to the members-only section of the CAWC Web site, and a discount on CAWC events, programs, and merchandise. For more information on membership, please e-mail cawc@sympatico.ca.

For more information on the CAWC, visit the Web site at www.cawc.net. ☺



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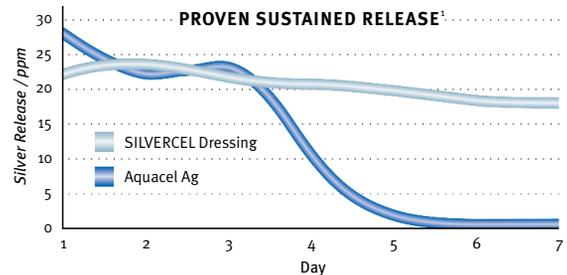
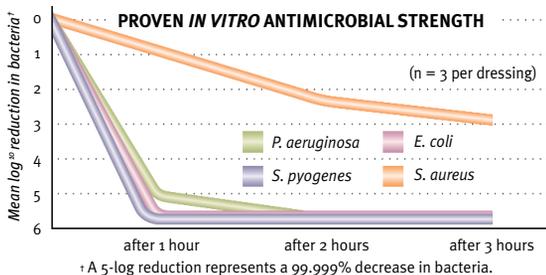
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