

If There's a Wound, There's a Way



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Innovation in the effective prevention and treatment of wounds is happening all the time, in countries around the world, initiated by specialists just like you. And with every new step forward we are closer to finding ways to manage the escalating health-care crisis caused by inadequately treated wounds.

However, without a co-ordinated effort, we simply cannot expect to advance wound-care practices and improve patient outcomes on a global scale. We need to find ways to stimulate discussion, share ideas, and transfer the knowledge and skills we have to create international standards for wound care.

Founded eight years ago, The World Union of Wound Healing Societies (WUWHS) was created to enhance the life of people with wounds worldwide by contributing to the improvement of wound-care standards for patients and of health-care professionals' performance. Over time the organization has spearheaded a number of initiatives to achieve this goal, such as the development and dissemination of educational training materials and resources designed to meet the local needs of developed, developing, and emerging health-care systems.

But much work still needs to be done. And you can

help by supporting the ongoing efforts of the WUWHS with your participation in the World Union Congress 2008 being held this June in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Unique to this wound-care conference, Congress 2008 will focus exclusively on the presentation of wound-care evidence and the transfer of knowledge, skills, and attitudes for improved patient outcomes. Building on the success that evidence-based medicine has demonstrated in clinical practice, Congress 2008 will take a pioneering approach to the evaluation of wound-care evidence—from guidelines to pre-clinical data—in the context of efficacy, efficiency, and effectiveness to form a framework for best clinical practice that can be applied to invigorate your wound-care practice.

In addition, you will hear and meet international opinion leaders, take in the world's largest wound-care trade exhibition, and learn about comprehensive therapeutic strategies and how they can be translated into better wound care.

With a stimulating pre-conference day, three plenary sessions featuring internationally respected speakers, and 10 concurrent streams with more than 100 educational sessions, this cutting-edge program is not to be missed!

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shared questions, thoughts, issues that pertain to our work environments, clinical skills, critical thinking, and client-centred concerns. . . . Some of the positive things about working together as a team:

- Increased respect for an interdisciplinary focus for complex skin and wound clients.
- Increased knowledge base and understanding of each discipline's roles and how their expertise enhances a client-centred approach to care.

- The team atmosphere provided an open environment to share ideas, ask questions, share our passion and daily challenges, and realize that we are not alone!
- Working with team members from all agencies and backgrounds fostered creativity. This nurtured a professional and collaborative atmosphere for meetings and the development of a truly transdisciplinary communication tool (which was the goal for our selective project). ☺