

# News from North American Wound Care Council Partners

## Canadian Association for Enterostomal Therapy (CAET)

The Canadian Association for Enterostomal Therapy (CAET) looks forward to 2008 as a year of collaboration with various professional, industry and volunteer associations. The following is a synopsis of these initiatives:

- **ETNEP Distance Education Program NEW Web-based Curriculum** accepted students in September 2007. The curriculum is divided into three modules: ostomy (September 2007), continence (February 2008) and wound (September 2008). **Partners:** CAET membership and industry
- **CAET ET Certification Examination Development** begins January 2008 with a completion date by Fall 2008. The first certification examination is scheduled for Spring 2009. **Partner:** Canadian Nurses Association (CNA)
- **Best Practice Guidelines of Ostomy Care and Management.** A 16-member expert panel of ET nurses and other health professionals will begin development of the BPG January 2008 for completion by November 2008. **Partner:** Registered Nurses' Association

of Ontario (RNAO)

- **Equitable Financial Recognition for Those with Ostomies in Canada.** The CAET and the United Ostomy Association of Canada will develop strategies to convince government officials that this health-care necessity requires equitable attention and support. **Partner:** United Ostomy Association of Canada (UOAC)
- **Ethical Education Code of Conduct and Program Development.** Beginning in January, the CAET and CAWC will begin developing strategies and programs to address the ethical considerations and requirements of health professional education, and delivery in wound-care management. **Partners:** CAWC and industry
- **World Union of Wound Healing Societies Conference.** The CAET, a co-hosting society, looks forward to the celebration of the third World Congress, in Toronto, Ontario. **Partners:** CAWC, University of Toronto, sponsoring co-hosts and the world!

For further information, contact Kathryn Kozell, President, or Catherine Harley, Executive Director, at [www.caet.ca](http://www.caet.ca).

## Association for the Advancement of Wound Care (AAWC) Advancing the Practice (ATP) Came "Home!"

In January, the AAWC's Advancing the Practice (ATP) campaign's online resource library moved to a sub-domain of the AAWC's Web site—[www.aawconline.org](http://www.aawconline.org)—rather than staying as a completely separate Web site. Now you can access the wealth of knowledge found at this new section of AAWC's site with a simple click from the AAWC homepage, [www.aawconline.org](http://www.aawconline.org).

The goals of ATP are to help spread awareness of wound care as a profession and to provide valuable resources to those who are interested in wound-care information, education and resources. Best of all, it's free. That's one more way AAWC is "Advancing the Practice!"

## Did you keep your New Year's resolution?

You've felt for quite a while that it's time for a change in your wound-care career. You just can't seem to find the time to start looking. It's no secret that many

job seekers and employers are discovering the advantages of searching online for jobs and for qualified candidates to fill them. If you're ready to look online, you're already one step ahead of the game. In the coming months, several employers in the wound-care field will be posting ads for open positions at the AAWC Career Center. Be sure to post your resume early for free at <http://careers.aawconline.org>.

## Coming Soon: New Educational Brochures on Skin Care

AAWC will be introducing a new, easy-to-follow educational brochure on skin care. The title of the brochure is "The Skin You're In." It's a guide to protecting skin from climate and the environment. The new brochure is geared toward the lay public and will be accessible from the AAWC Web site as a free, downloadable PDF. Print many and place them throughout your office or facility! If desired, you may purchase the brochure (when available) in multiples of 100 for a nominal fee from the AAWC Online Store found at [www.aawconline.org](http://www.aawconline.org).

**Mexican Association For Holistic Wound Care and Healing (AMCICHAC)**

**The First National Meeting of the AMCICHAC**

The Mexican Association for Holistic Wound Care and Healing (AMCICHAC) celebrated its first national meeting September 19-22, 2007, in Boca del Rio, Veracruz, Mexico. This association was formed by Mexican specialists in wound care and healing, including researchers, nurses, physicians, patients and anyone involved in this broad and exciting area. The Canadian Association of Wound Care was very active through the executive director, president and past presidents in

providing the new Association with the blueprints of the CAWC. Dr. José Contreras-Ruiz, who has participated with the CAWC in several activities, is the first president of the Mexican association and is very appreciative of the CAWC's help and support.

The first national meeting of the AMCICHAC was developed with the highest standards in education, ethics and research following the CAWC's vision and provided a forum for interdisciplinary learning in wound care and ostomy therapy for the first time in Mexico. The event was considered a success by all those involved. It included 32 wound-care experts from

all over Mexico as the national faculty and 16 invited faculty from Spain, Brazil, the U.S., Dominican Republic, Canada, Colombia and Costa Rica. Dr. Gary Sibbald and Heather Orsted, both past presidents of the CAWC, participated as two of the lecturers.

Four hundred people from all the disciplines involved in wound care attended. Wound-care industry also participated, with 17 booths.

Awards were given to the best research presentations, and the Canadian contingent was very happy to see that pressure ulcer prevention was presented as a very important topic.

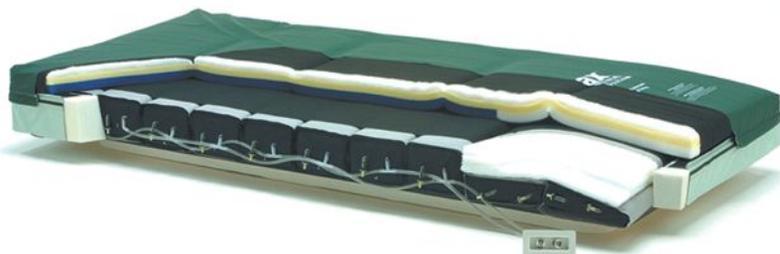
During the closing ceremony,

the first 10 honorary members of the Association were named, and both Sibbald and Orsted were honoured with this title.

The AMCICHAC is considered a "sister" association of the CAWC because the CAWC, through the North American Wound Care Council, has been involved in supporting this group with continuing information and advice. It makes the CAWC very proud to see how sharing what we have with others and following the association's mission of international co-operation has resulted in projects as important as the AMCICHAC and its successful first national meeting. ☺

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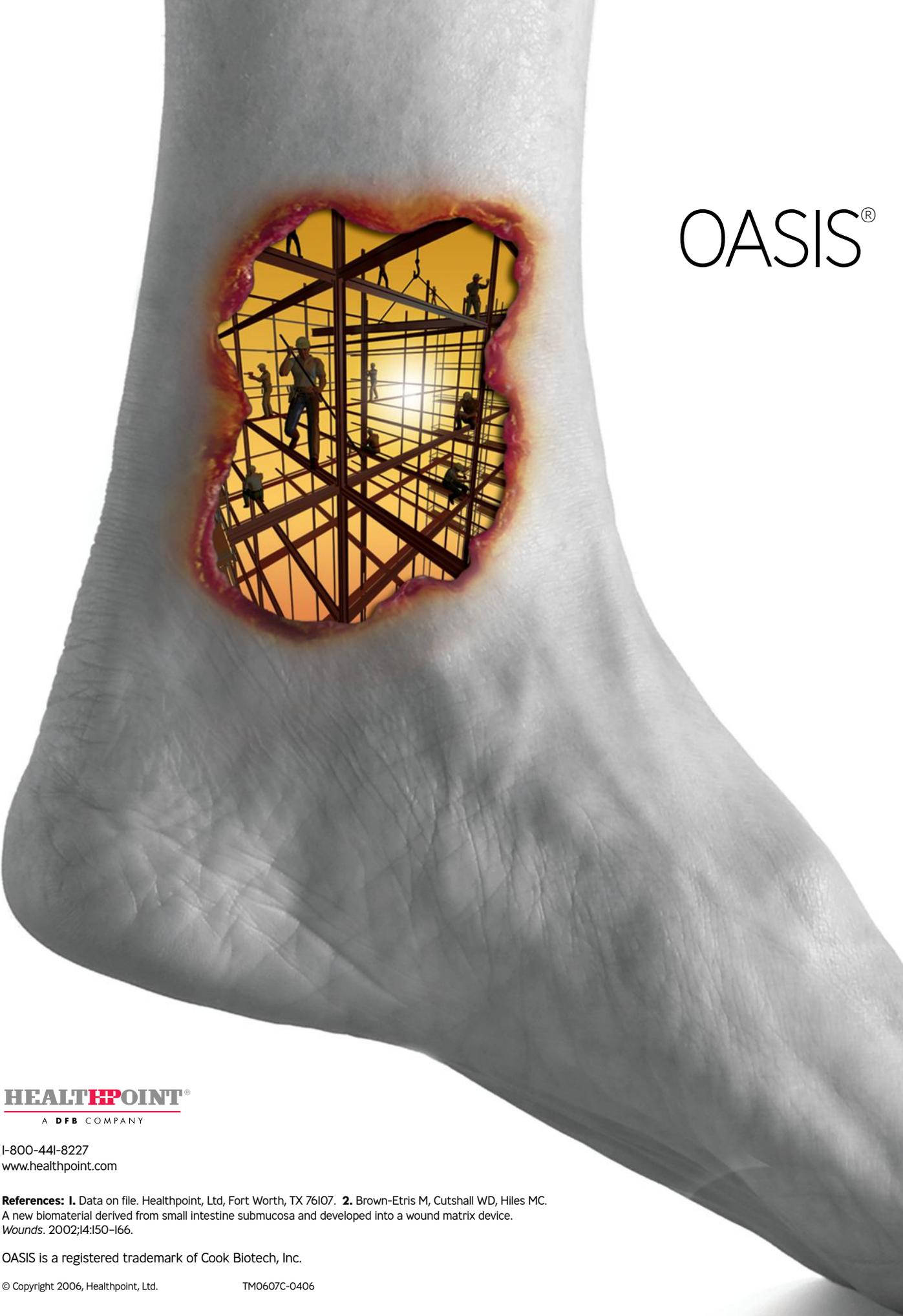
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