

CAWC Events

Special Theme Meetings

Victoria, BC:
October 24–26, 2008

Halifax, NS:
November 7–9, 2008

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Other Events

SAWC/WHS 2008

April 24–27, 2008
San Diego
Convention Center
San Diego, CA
www.sawc.net

World Union of Wound Healing Societies

June 4–8, 2008
Metro Toronto
Convention Centre
Toronto, ON
www.wuwhs2008.ca

WOCN Society 40th Annual Conference

June 21–28, 2008
Orlando World Center Marriott
Orlando, FL
www.wocn.org

Education

Update: IIWCC Approved for Inclusion in Master's Program

This popular program, which brings together a mix of physicians, nurses, and other health professionals working in the field or in related industry, has now been approved for credit as part of a new flexible master's program in the Department of Public Health

Sciences and the University of Toronto.

For information, call Sandra Gauci at 416-323-6400 ext. 4608.

Update: UWO's Master of Clinical Science Program Approved

The recently launched Master of Clinical Science program is a one-year (three terms) course-work Master's program that offers specialty and advanced practice options to professionals in clinical practice. The focus is on the development of clinical and research skills beyond those of professional entry level. There are two fields of study: Manipulative Therapy and Wound Healing. The program is now officially approved by the Ontario Council of Graduate Programs. The first class began in September 2007. Participants will complete the course requirements by July 2008 and graduate at fall convocation in October 2008. The admission deadline for next September is March 1, 2008.

For more information or to apply, please visit www.uwo.ca/fhs/pt/new/prospective/mclsc/index.html.

Wound Infection Institute Continues to Grow

Chaired by Keith Harding, the Wound Infection Institute (WII) now has over 130 members and includes many leading figures in wound management and infection control. Representing Canada, Heather Orsted is the Vice Chair of the Institute, and David Keast is Treasurer. "I am very happy to have Heather and David joining me on the committee," says Harding. "They bring considerable expertise to the Institute. I have worked with them and the CAWC on many occasions, the CAWC being one of the world's leading societies in wound care today."

What does the Institute aim to provide the clinical community? A consensus paper on wound infection is one of six key projects initiated by its executive body and will be launched at the World Union of Wound Healing Societies in Toronto in June 2008.

The Institute's first annual general meeting, also planned for June 2008, should see the Institute becoming an independent, self-governed body of clinicians providing a stream of original work within the three core areas of evidence, education and research.

"Our ultimate vision is to be recognized as the leading interdisciplinary international group working in wound infection," says Harding.

For more information about

the WII and the upcoming WII meeting in Toronto on June 2, 2008, go to www.woundinfection-institute.com.

World Union of Wound Healing Societies' Congress Draws Near

Toronto will be hosting this year's international wound congress and you don't want to miss it! This ground-breaking conference will focus exclusively on the presentation of wound-care evidence and the transfer of knowledge, skills, and attitudes for improved patient outcomes. In addition to a stimulating pre-conference day, three plenary sessions featuring internationally respected speakers, 10 concurrent streams with more than 100 educational sessions, and the world's largest wound-care trade exhibition, there will be opportunities to explore and experience the city at one of its most beautiful times of the year.

Come to Toronto and learn about comprehensive therapeutic strategies and how they can be translated into better wound care.

Don't wait. Register today for Congress 2008 at www.worldunion2008.com.

First International Pediatric Enterostomal Therapy Meeting

The First International Pediatric Enterostomal Therapy meeting held in Montreal on October 1-3, 2007, was a real success. More than 200 people from 17 countries attended the meeting. The participants showed great interest for all the lectures, deliv-

ered by a faculty of international speakers. Among the 25 speakers was Sandra Quigley, who adapted the Braden Scale to the paediatric population. She gave a highly appreciated lecture about pressure-ulcer risk assessment in paediatrics.

A survey done during the meeting showed that 100 per cent of the attendees wish to see the Pediatric Enterostomal Therapy meeting becoming a biennially recurring event. Louise Forest-Lalande, chair of the meeting, informed the participants about the possibility of joining the Pediatric meeting to the congresses of the European and the World Councils of Enterostomal Therapists.

Le premier congrès international de stomathérapie pédiatrique



Diane Grégoire, Louise Forest-Lalande and Chantal Leduc.

Le premier congrès international de stomathérapie pédiatrique récemment tenu à Montréal a remporté un grand succès. Plus de 200 délégués, venus de 17 pays y ont participé. Ils ont été très intéressés par les présentations de 25 conférenciers internationaux, parmi lesquels madame Sandra Quigley, responsable de l'adaptation de l'échelle

de Braden à la population pédiatrique. Madame Quigley a partagé sa vision de l'évaluation du risque de plaie de pression chez l'enfant.

Un sondage réalisé pendant le congrès a démontré que 100% des participants souhaitent voir le congrès de stomathérapie pédiatrique devenir un événement biennal récurrent. Louise Forest-Lalande, organisatrice du congrès, a informé les participants de la possibilité de joindre le congrès pédiatrique au congrès des Associations européenne et mondiale des stomathérapeutes.

Les soins de plaies au cœur du savoir infirmier

De l'évaluation à l'intervention pour mieux prévenir et traiter L'Ordre des infirmières et infirmiers du Québec entend soutenir les infirmières dans leur pratique quotidienne relativement à la prévention et au traitement des plaies en publiant un ouvrage de référence qui permettra aux étudiantes et étudiants en soins infirmiers, tant au niveau collégial qu'universitaire, ainsi qu'aux membres de la profession, d'acquérir ou d'approfondir leurs connaissances dans ce domaine.

L'ouvrage comprend un historique sur l'évolution du soin des plaies et expose les notions essentielles pour comprendre et déterminer les soins et traitements requis (anatomie de

la peau et physiologie de la cicatrisation, préparation du lit de la plaie, évaluation de la plaie, nutrition, douleur, qualité de vie, enseignement au client et à la famille, documentation en soins). Il traite également des plaies chroniques (ulcères de plaies de pression, ulcères des membres inférieurs et ulcères du pied diabétique), des plaies aiguës (brûlures, déchirures cutanées, plaies chirurgicales et plaies traumatiques), des modalités adjuvantes, ainsi que des produits et pansements disponibles.

Foot Care Nurses of Canada Forming New Association

On September 22, 2007, a group of 60 foot-care nurses, educators and managers from across Canada met in Winnipeg, Manitoba, to discuss how to introduce national foot-care nurse guidelines for skills, education and certification. All 60 participants supported a draft position statement proposed by an Ad Hoc committee, and a consensus was reached to begin the development of a national communication strategy that could reach an estimated 3,000–6,000 foot-care nurses in Canada. It is understood that this is a huge undertaking, and there are many steps that need to happen in order for the ultimate goal of national guidelines and certification for foot-care nurses to occur.

The newly appointed committee of Foot Care Canada would like to take this opportunity to invite any interested foot-care nurse, regulatory body, educator and/or policy-maker to attend a workshop April 13, 2008, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., at St. Lawrence College in Kingston, Ontario. This workshop will follow a foot-care conference on April 11-12. For details about both events, visit the CAWC Web site at www.cawc.net/open/library/clinical/specialty.html.

New Home Kit from DM Systems

DM Systems now offers the Heelift® Home Kit for the home health-care market. The kit is designed to aid in the prevention and treatment of heel pressure ulcers with home-based patients who may be at risk. With Heelift® Home Kit, patients at home will benefit physically from the use of a hospital-grade product to protect against heel ulcers or to treat pre-existing conditions. Heelift® Home Kit contains one Heelift® Suspension Boot, the product proven effective in the prevention and treatment of heel pressure ulcers, a laundry bag, and an instruction sheet in English, Spanish, German and French. A new, slimmer design of the Suspension Boots has features to increase comfort, ease of use and support. ☺

