

Canadian Association of Wound Care News

Are You Ready for Change?

This Fall the CAWC Presents Special Meetings in Two of Canada's Most Beautiful Locations!

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The CAWC 2009 Theme Meetings, in Victoria and Halifax, are going to change the way you practice wound care. Why do I say this? Because if you attend one of these two meetings we will help you realize which part of your wound-care practice is working and which part may actually be hindering healing.

Each session will begin with a brief look at what your practice currently is. Following this evaluation, best practice information will be presented using a multimedia format and interactive activities. Each session will end with steps you can take to modify your existing practice toward best practice!

The format will come as close to the bedside as possible, using a case-based approach. In each session we will be discussing real-life events that you encounter regularly in your daily practice.

We will look at the reality of implementing new strategies and explore tactics for integrating what you have learned into your plans of care and institutional culture.

If you missed the World Union Congress in June, these Theme Meetings will be a great opportunity to catch up on the latest information on best practices.

To get the most out of this meeting, BYOT (**B**ring **Y**our **O**wn **T**eam). Nurses, doctors, therapists, dietitians, social workers, foot-care specialists, unit managers—



Together we can make best practice happen.

anyone who makes or breaks best practice—need to be sitting at the table beside you. But if you can't get a team together you'll still benefit by attending. One way or another make it happen in 2008!

Victoria, BC
October 24–26, 2008
Victoria Conference Centre
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Bonus Features: Free with Your Theme Meeting Registration

- Each participant will be credited with an S1 equivalent, providing a prerequisite for the S2 educational workshop component (see the description of the Three-part Educational Series [S-series] in the education section of the CAWC Web site at www.cawc.net for more information about the entire S-series).
 - Each participant will receive a free S3 CD! The S3, The Reflective Learning & Practice Portfolio, provides a framework to assist you in developing your wound-care practice. Regular price is \$30.00.
- For further information regarding the meetings, including the agenda and hotel information, please visit www.cawc.net/open/conference/conferences.html.

For immediate online registration, visit www.cawc.net/open/conference/registration.html.

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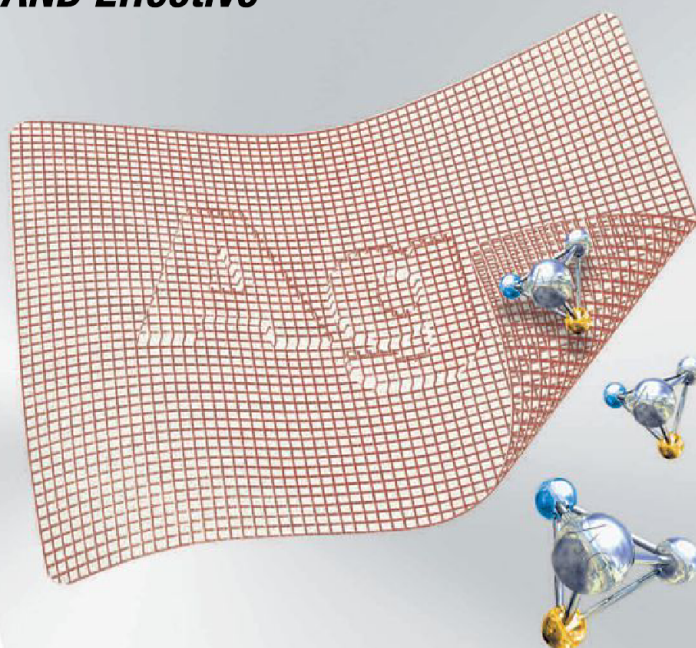
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CAWC Scholarships Promote Best Practice

There's still time to get your application in for a CAWC scholarship. Each year, the CAWC offers scholarships worth up to \$2,500 each to support educational and research initiatives to promote best practice and improve patient care within the Canadian wound-care community.

For full information on all educational and research scholarships and details on how to apply, please visit the CAWC scholarship page at www.cawc.net/open/scholarship/scholarships.html. But don't delay. Applications close October 1!

Education for Everyone!

The CAWC is dedicated to providing the best wound-care education in Canada. And we're expanding to serve you better. Beginning in 2009 the CAWC will offer online modules on all the important wound-care topics. This initiative will provide novice and experienced wound-care clinicians with a best-practice-based curriculum using the latest interactive online learning tools. Eventually it will replace the S1 component of the S-series, allowing the S-series weekend to consist of two hands-on workshop days. The longer-term plan is to provide educational modules for general practitioners and the public as well. Stay tuned for details of this exciting initiative!

In the meantime, don't forget the S-series. This popular interactive series lays the foundation for best-practice in wound care for novices interested in learning about wound-care or for more established clinicians aiming to improve their wound-care practices. This year we'll be in Vancouver, BC, February 13-14, Toronto, ON, March 6-7 and Montreal, QC, April 17-18. Visit the CAWC Web site at www.cawc.net for details and online registration.

PUAP Moves into New Territory

The CAWC's Pressure Ulcer Awareness and Prevention (PUAP) program has been implemented in facilities right across the country, with new facilities signing up all the time. Improvements in prevalence and incidence rates, reduced treatment costs and changes in practice and policy relating to pressure ulcers have been consistent outcomes in all types of facilities implementing the program. But we're still not satisfied.

In response to clinician frustration about the transfer of pressure ulcers from one facility type to another, the CAWC is introducing a radical new concept for the PUAP: the pressure-free zone (PFZ).

A PFZ would result when all three sectors of health care—acute care, long-term care and home care—are involved in the program. This approach would support the delivery of consistent levels of pressure ulcer prevention care within each catchment area—along with the corollary benefits that accompany best prevention practices.

The introduction of the PUAP into an entire community, rather than just into facilities in one sector of health care, is a perfect fit with the local health regions as they plan, integrate and fund local health services to ensure that health-care dollars are spent efficiently and effectively for the best results possible.

Mieux vous servir, dans les deux langues

Au début de l'année 2008, un groupe de travail de langue française fût mandaté par l'ACSP afin d'évaluer comment elle pourrait mieux desservir le contingent francophone à travers le Canada. Ce groupe a préparé et présenté un rapport contenant les problématiques les plus importantes à résoudre grâce à l'information recueillie lors d'un sondage et une série de rencontres. L'ACSP est heureuse de travailler à mettre en pratique les idées énoncées lors des activités par le groupe de travail. Plus de détails, sur cette initiative, seront disponibles dans le prochain numéro de *Wound Care Canada*.

Serving You Better in Two Languages

In early 2008, the CAWC struck a French-language task force to investigate ways the CAWC can more effectively serve our francophone constituents across Canada. After a survey and a series of meetings, the task force prepared and presented a report on the most important issues to be addressed. The CAWC is looking forward to implementing the ideas that came out of the task force's activities. More detailed information on this initiative will follow in the next issue of *Wound Care Canada*.

Do you want to reach the people who need your help most?

Many patients don't know where to turn when they have a wound that won't heal. Many general practitioners need quick access to specialized wound-care resources in their geographic regions. If you are part of a wound practice, the CAWC invites you to post your details on the **Clinic Directory** section of the **CAWC Web site** so your colleagues and the public will have access to the information they need—when they need it. To have your clinic listed on the CAWC Web site, please go to the Clinic Directory form in the members-only section of the CAWC Web site and input the required information. A CAWC staffer will follow up by phone to ensure the information is accurate and approved by management for posting. Once this is done, it will be posted to the clinic listings page.

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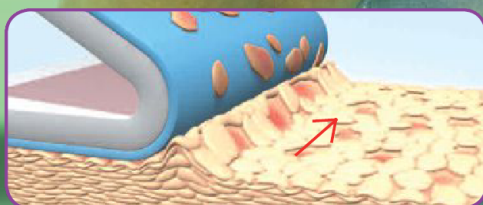
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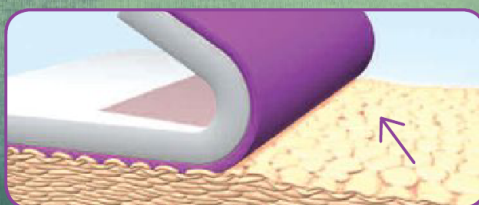


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