

Who is on Your Road Show?

Collaboration, appraisal and recommendations for education with relevant stakeholders using a new wound care instrument

BY Janet L. Kuhnke
BSN MS ET
AND
Heather L. Orsted
RN BN ET MSc

At the 2010 Canadian Association of Wound Care (CAWC) conference, the Wound CARE (Collaboration, Appraisal and Recommendations for Education) Instrument¹ – the result of a collaboration between the Canadian Association for Enterostomal Therapy (CAET) and the CAWC – was introduced to attendees. The Wound CARE Instrument is a document that provides a framework for effective, evidence-informed wound management education.

This document gives practitioners the opportunity to utilize the Wound CARE Instrument standards to:

- evaluate existing wound care programs;
- examine wound care program modules or materials that are being considered for addition to existing wound care programs; and
- develop and create new wound care programs.

At the conference, the presenters described an extensive tour – or “road show” – of key provincial healthcare leaders that was undertaken in Ontario to introduce the Wound CARE Instrument. The session ended with conference participants being challenged to document the names of partners or stakeholders they need to inform about the Wound CARE Instrument, creating their own personal “road show” list. This list may include enterostomal therapists, wound care specialists, clinical leaders, clinical nurse educators, administrators, purchasing specialists, and provincial and federal partners in healthcare. These partners must be made aware of the incredible resource that is now available to them. As leaders and developers of wound, ostomy and continence programs, the Wound CARE Instrument gives you and your stakeholders an opportunity to evaluate existing, planned or under-development wound care programs, giving each a score using the Wound CARE Instrument standards.

Our objective as enterostomal therapists and wound care specialists is to provide the best education opportunities possible for practitioners in all care settings.

Janet L. Kuhnke is with emPOWER Consulting, and is also a CAET Academic Advisor and a member of the CAWC’s Faculty in Training, in Kingston, Ontario.

Heather L. Orsted is a Clinical and Educational Consultant with eQuadra Solutions Inc., in Calgary, Alberta.



The Wound CARE Instrument collaborative project between the CAET and the CAWC will improve the quality of wound care and patients’ health outcomes. The educational program or event that you evaluate using the Wound CARE Instrument will be able to adapt and continue over time, building the essential sustainability and transparency required by all our funding agencies.

We challenge you to download and read this report, and within 15 days share it with a colleague or collaborate with at least two stakeholders using the Wound CARE Instrument standards. Create your list of valuable “road show” partners and support best practice in wound care!

The Wound CARE Instrument is available free online in both English and French from the CAWC (www.cawc.net) and CAET (www.caet.ca) websites. ¹

Reference

1. Canadian Association of Enterostomal Therapists and Canadian Association of Wound Care. *Wound CARE Instrument: Standards for Wound Management Education and Programming* (2010). Available at: www.caet.ca and www.cawc.net. Accessed September 1, 2011.

Further reading

- Kitson A, Harvey G, McCormack B. Enabling the implementation of evidence based practice: A conceptual framework. *Qual Health Care*. 1998;7:149-158.
- Graham I, Logan J, Harrison MB, et al. Lost in knowledge translation: Time for a map? *J Contin Educ Health Prof*. 2006;26:13-24.