

Canadian Association for Enterostomal Therapy

The Canadian Association for Enterostomal Therapy (CAET) has been working on initiatives focused in education, research and informatics, and advocacy. The CAET owns and operates the CAET Academy, which provides the Enterostomal Therapy Nursing Education Program online education program to educate and prepare new enterostomal therapists. There are also online courses entitled "Knowledge to Practice," which are focused in wound and ostomy care for healthcare professionals from various fields (e.g. registered nurses, registered practical nurses and personal support workers). The programs are available in both English and French. For further information, please visit www.caetacademy.ca.

The CAET is working on a "Find an ET Program," which will be launched mid-2013. This will allow people to locate an ET nurse

in their area by using a search engine supporting access to ET specialized nursing care.

Finally, the CAET is working collaboratively with the Canadian Association of Wound Care, the Ontario Wound and Skin Care Interest Group, and MEDEC, as part of the steering committee of Wound Care Alliance Canada, a group dedicated to establishing a wound care innovation centre of excellence program in Canada.

The CAET invites you to attend its 32nd annual national conference, "Leading Change," which will be held at the Toronto Downtown Eaton Centre Marriott Hotel, May 9–12, 2013. There is a strong lineup of experts speaking on topics in wound, ostomy and continence care. For further information, please visit www.caet.ca. ☺

CAWC Announces a New Approach to Wound Care Education in 2013!

Foundations of Wound Care

Due to popular demand, the Foundations of Wound Care modules are available online. If you are new to wound care or need a refresher, this program is perfect for you! Available online only at the Ontario Hospital Association website (www.oha.com), the Foundations of Wound Care program is comprised of four modules:

- Introduction to Wound Care ■ Prevention and Management of Pressure Ulcers
- Prevention and Management of Diabetic Foot Ulcers
- Prevention and Management of Leg Ulcers

Each module is a stand-alone program; take one or all four, depending on your needs. A certificate of learning is provided upon successful completion of each module.

CAWC Learning Series

The CAWC Learning Series is a three-day live program led by an interdisciplinary faculty of wound care experts. The program combines theory with practical hands-on workshops.

Days 1 and 2: Skills Workshop – Putting Knowledge into Practice. Wound care theory is presented through lectures, interactive discussions and hands-on sessions. Topics include local wound care, dressings 101, debridement, lower

limb assessment and compression, foot wear and foot care, among others. All types of wounds are discussed in detail, and theory is put into practice.

Day 3: Knowledge Translation and Implementation. This segment of the program provides a recap of Days 1 and 2, and provides participants with clear direction to put what they've learned into practice when they return to their workplace.

Ontario Woundcare Interest Group

The Ontario Woundcare Interest Group (OntWIG) is pleased to host its 4th symposium, entitled "From Strategy to Action: Maintaining Momentum," which will be held on Friday, April 19, 2013, at the White Oaks Conference Resort and Spa, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario. This one-day event is for healthcare executives, managers and clinicians from all sectors who share an interest in addressing fragmented and uneven access and delivery of quality wound management services across Ontario. The 2013 symposium is designed to identify barriers and opportunities to implementing OntWIG's recommended provincial framework. Participants will glean insights from national and local experts, including Rosemary Hannam (from Rotman's Collaborative for Health Sector Strategy), Corrine McIsaac MEd BScN RN, and Karen Lorimer RN.

The day has been organized to stimulate conversations utilizing roundtable formats to support and encourage dialogue and brainstorming on improving policies, access and delivery of quality wound prevention and management services throughout Ontario. To register for the symposium, please email ontwig@gmail.com. ☺

The CAWC Learning Series is offered on the following dates in 2013:

April 5–7	Toronto, ON
May 24–26	London, ON
June 21–23	Calgary, AB
October 18–20	Halifax, NS
December 6–8	Toronto, ON

For further information regarding the CAWC Learning Series, please visit www.cawc.net. ☺