

News in Wound Care



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Bringing Wound Care Knowledge to Newfoundland

The Canadian Association of Wound Care was recently involved in bringing advanced wound care knowledge to health-care professionals in St. John's, Newfoundland. Organized under the auspices of the Professional Development and Conferencing Services (PDCS, Faculty of Medicine) of Memorial University of Newfoundland and held at the Medical School on September 13 and 14, 2013, the inter-professional and interactive "Dermatology and Wound Care: New Perspectives that Influence Practice" program had more than 140 delegates in attendance. Delegates included family physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, pharmacists and other health professionals from across Canada. For those unable to come to St. John's or register on those dates, the program was available live via webcast and archived for access at any time.

The conference featured both national and local guest speakers, including Greg Archibald, MD, CCFP, FCFP, from Dalhousie University, Halifax; Gary Sibbald, BSc, MD, FRCPC (Med, Derm), MEd, MACP, FAAD, MAPWCA, from the University of Toronto; Cathy Burrows, RN, BScN, MScCH, from Wound Prevention and Care, Halifax; Andy Hoar, CPed (C), QEII HSC, Halifax; Dr. Rebecca Law, Associate Professor from Memorial's School of Pharmacy (cross appointment to the Faculty of Medicine), St. John's; and Dr. Tracey Brown-Maher, a Dermatologist and Wound Care Specialist from Eastern Health, St. John's.

"Hosting an event which brings together a diverse health professional group such as this requires innovative planning and learning formats.

By offering a range of formats including lectures, hands-on workshops, and interactive case studies, the program was a great success, and I believe our delegates have gained a lot of new and practical knowledge this weekend," said Fran Kirby, Director, PDCS.

Dr. Gary Sibbald was encouraged by the feedback he received from the weekend, and added, "I know the variety included within the program design meant that there was something useful for everybody over the day-and-a-half timeframe."

"I was extremely impressed with the enthusiasm of the participants over the conference," said Dr. Greg Archibald. Noting that the need for this type of activity is clear, he continued, "One family doctor astutely commented that they had never seen this material before and questioned its absence from undergraduate curriculum. I was able to assure her that advocacy is gaining momentum across the country, particularly in Nova Scotia where I practise, to embed it in schools of medicine and the health professions and to create provincial programming."



The Canadian Association
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Canadian Association for Enterostomal Therapy News

Submitted by Cathy Harley, Executive Director, CAET

The Canadian Association for Enterostomal Therapy (CAET) has just launched three new, innovative programs. "Find an E.T. Nurse" is designed to improve access to an ET nurse if

a patient is experiencing a challenging wound, ostomy and/or continence issue. And two online education courses have been added to our CAET Academy: The Management of Edema in Community Clients (with a focus on lymphedema) and Writing for Publication and Integrating Knowledge into Practice.

The “Find an E.T. Nurse” Program

Canada is one of the largest countries in the world, and with the country’s vast geography and small number of enterostomal therapists, it may not always be easy to locate one. The CAET has developed an online program to assist the public and allied health-care professionals in locating an ET nurse by postal code or city anywhere in Canada. The aim is to support patient access to specialized ET nursing care in wound, ostomy and/or continence and strengthen the multidisciplinary approach to wound, ostomy and continence care.

You can access the “Find an E.T. Nurse” program through the CAET home page at www.caet.ca by clicking on the icon of a hand holding a magnifying glass that is made out of the CAET logo.

The Two New Courses

The CAET Academy, Canada’s premier online academy for continuing education in wound, ostomy and continence, is pleased to announce the launch of two new courses.

The Management of Edema in Community Clients is a 13-week, online exploration of the best practices in edema management. This course is a must for any health professional working with clients living with or at risk for edema. Supported by an expert in lymphedema management and up-to-date written and visual resources, the course content includes challenges to the integration of lymphedema management into health care, basic anatomy and physiology, the identification of

clients at risk, client assessment, edema management strategies and wound management.

The Writing for Publication and Integrating Knowledge into Practice is an eight-month course designed to support learners in creating a publishable clinical paper and to develop an educational enabler to support the translation of that clinical knowledge into practice. Supported by an expert in education and publishing, students will complete four assignments leading to the completion of an “almost ready for publication” article and an educational enabler that they can use in their own workplaces.

These courses are open to all health-care professionals who have an interest in these continuing education topics. For more information on the education programs available through the CAET Academy, please go to www.caetacademy.ca or contact Virginia McNaughton, Director, CAET Academy, at director@caetacademy.ca.

For further information on all CAET programs, please visit www.caet.ca or email office@caet.ca.

Dernières nouvelles du Regroupement Québécois en Soins de Plaies

Nous aimerions vous avertir que notre prochaine journée scientifique sera le 22 mars 2014 au Centre de conférences Delta de Trois-Rivières. Pour plus d’informations et pour vous inscrire, SVP visitez le www.rqsp.ca.



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We are pleased to announce our next scientific day: March 22, 2014, at the Delta Trois-Rivières Conference Centre. For more information and to register, please visit www.rqsp.ca.