



News in Wound Care



Action 2014: Skin Health for Canada

A JOINT MEETING
Canadian Association of Wound Care
Canadian Association for Enterostomal Therapy



OCTOBER 30 – NOVEMBER 2, 2014 · WESTIN HARBOUR CASTLE HOTEL, TORONTO, ONTARIO

You will not want to miss out on **Action 2014: Skin Health For Canada: Discussing Best Practice in Skin, Wound, Ostomy, Continence and Lymphedema**. This will be a joint meeting of the Canadian Association of Wound Care and the Canadian Association for Enterostomal Therapy, in collaboration with the World Alliance for Wound and Lymphedema Care. This first-time initiative will offer education, research, skills and networking opportunities. Don't miss it!

When: Thursday, October 30, 2014, to Sunday, November 2, 2014

Where: Westin Harbour Castle, Toronto, Ontario

Stay tuned to www.caet.ca and www.cawc.net for more information.



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CAWC News

New Board Members

The CAWC is proud to announce that the Board of Directors has two new members:

Barbie Murray, RN, has practiced in a variety of settings, including acute, community-based and palliative care, and has been involved in nursing education since 1988. She worked in Africa as

a health educator, developing curriculum for nursing, midwifery and public health degree programs and benchmarking for practice standards. She currently co-ordinates the new MDLUC project, a leg ulcer specialty clinic, at the Halifax Infirmary (Capital District Health Authority) in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

DA (Andrew) Springer, BSc, DCh, FRSH, has been a practising chiropodist since 1983 in a variety of public and private practice settings. During his career he has been an active leader in the chiropody profession and participated in



CAWC 2014 Learning Series Dates

Register now for the CAWC Learning Series Levels 2 & 3:

Spring: Toronto, ON: May 1 and 2, 2014

Fall: Toronto, ON: December 4 and 5, 2014

Visit www.cawc.net for details and registration information.



a number of professional activities requiring leadership, vision, integrity and compassion. He is a member of the Ontario Diabetes Foot Care Task Force and the Program Advisory Council — Chiropody, Michener Institute for Applied Health Sciences.

Raising Awareness

The CAWC has been busy connecting with other interested bodies and getting the word out about wound care and diabetic foot complication prevention. In the first two months of 2014 alone, the CAWC was invited

- by the Hamilton Academy to present a session on wound care to physicians on January 29, 2014. The session was delivered by Dr. Asfaneh Alavi.
- by the Public Health Agency of Canada to present at a Fireside Chat—one of a series of free pan-Canadian discussions on population health improvement issues via telephone/Internet on January 30, 2014 (www.chnet-works.ca). The presentation, led by Dr. Gail Woodbury and Dr. Mariam Botros, was “Lessons Learned from the Diabetes Community-based Prevention Program PEP Talk: Diabetes Healthy Feet & You.”
- to talk about the PEP Talk program at the Annual Central West Chronic Disease Prevention and Management Conference, in Brampton, Ontario on February 21, 2014. The session was delivered by Mariam Botros.
- to participate in The Unavoidable Outcome: A Pressure Injury Consensus Conference held by the National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel (NPUAP) on February 27, 2014, at Johns Hopkins University Turner Auditorium in Baltimore, Maryland. Nicola Waters represented the CAWC.



Recent Workshops

DFC presented its popular one-day workshop at Health Sciences North in Sudbury on March 28, 2014. (See the article on page 12.) To arrange for a workshop in your area, contact Mariam Botros at botros.mariam@gmail.com.

DFC eJournal

Check out the most recent issue of *Diabetic Foot Canada eJournal*, an important resource for wound management specialists, at www.diabeticfootcanadajournal.ca.

Join the Online Diabetic Foot Care Community

If you haven't done so yet, visit www.diabeticfootcommunity.ca and sign up to connect with other health-care professionals and to access documents relevant to preventing diabetic foot complications.



The Canadian Association
for Enterostomal Therapy
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des Stomothérapeutes

CAET News

By Catherine Harley, RN, eMBA, Executive Director, CAET

The Canadian Association for Enterostomal Therapy (CAET) is working toward building collaborations to positively impact care delivery and outcomes for patients experiencing wound, ostomy and/or continence issues.

The CAET and the United Ostomy Association of Canada (UOAC) continue to partner on the promotion of the “Find an ET” program, which was launched in September 2013. Accessed from the www.caet.ca home page, this online search program enables people with ostomies to locate an ET nurse closest to their area of residence. The CAET also worked with the UOAC to support an “Ask an ET” column in the publication *Ostomy Canada*. Karen Bruton, RN, BScN, CETN (C), MclnScWH, will be answering questions on wound and ostomy in this publication.

The CAET has also joined forces with the UOAC and Toronto Ostomy to advocate for increasing the Assistive Devices Program (ADP) reimbursement for ostomy supplies for people living with an ostomy in Ontario. A letter-writing campaign to Premier Kathleen Wynne is currently underway.

The CAET is an active part of the Canadian Network of Nursing Specialties under the Canadian Nurses Association (CNA). The CNA is preparing to launch a new campaign to raise public awareness of the value of registered nurses. The objective of the campaign is to break through stereotypes to tell the real story of registered nurses. Watch for the launch of this innovative campaign in the spring/summer of 2014. The CNA biennial convention will take place June 16–18, 2014, in the centrally located Winnipeg, Manitoba, RBC Convention Centre. It will be a showcase of nursing solutions to some of health care’s biggest challenges. For further information, please go to www.cna-aiic.ca/en/events/2014-cna-biennial-convention.



Wound Care Alliance Canada

The Steering Committee of Wound Care Alliance Canada (WCA) met in November 2013 to discuss the next steps from the Wound Stakeholders Meeting held September 19, 2013, in Mississauga, Ontario. A report from this meeting is available to

all CAET and CAWC members in the news section of the CAET website at www.caet.ca. The WCA Steering Committee will continue to work on the strategic plan—with fundraising as a priority in 2014—as work continues on developing a Canadian Wound Innovation Centre of Excellence.

Regroupement Québécois en Soins de Plaies

The Regroupement Québécois en Soins de Plaies has a new website. Check it out at www.rqsp.ca.



Ontario Woundcare Interest Group Update

5th Annual Symposium

The Ontario Woundcare Interest Group is excited to be hosting their 5th Annual Symposium at the White Oaks Resort and Spa, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario on April 25, 2014.

This year’s symposium, “Critical Perspectives in Evolving Ontario Wound Care Policy,” will provide participants with the opportunity to dig deeper into the issues identified at last year’s health-care strategy symposium that addressed wound care policy development and implementation. The 4th Annual Symposium’s proceeding document is available online at www.ontwig.rnao.ca.

For registration information and more details on how OntWIG is shaping and influencing Ontario’s health policy, check us out on Facebook or our website at www.ontwig.rnao.ca.

Call for Nominations

OntWIG has openings for the following Board positions: President-Elect and Policy/Political Action. If you are interested in learning more about these exciting opportunities, please contact Karen Laforet at ontwig@gmail.com.