



News in Wound Care

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CAWC News

20 Years in the Making: The New CAWC

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This is the year of the CAWC's 20th annual conference and, for the first time, we've expanded to also include the Canadian Association for Enterostomal Therapy (CAET) and the World Alliance for Wound and Lymphedema Care (WAWLC). This is a big year that you just cannot afford to miss! The conference will not only showcase exciting new topics and expert faculty but will also offer a sneak peek into the new face of the CAWC as we move into a new era of joint international, national and provincial collaboration and strong multidisciplinary engagement from all team members.

Whether you are a frontline clinician, researcher, educator, administrator, policy maker or industry partner, this year's conference will have a true multidisciplinary focus. Sessions will deliver nursing, medical, allied health and surgical perspectives, along with the patient voice. The wide range of topics covers clinical, policy and research information, as well as the latest in technology and communications. With over 70 faculty members and varied exhibits, the conference promises international and national insights on wound care and improving patient outcomes.

One of the many networking opportunities at the conference is the Hallowe'en Party. Don't miss it!

Conference Tip:

If you're at the conference with someone from your facility, split up and attend different sessions and then share notes and key learning points afterward.

Organizational News

This has been a big year for the CAWC as it truly marks the new era of what you should be expecting from your national organization: a strong commitment to improving the lives of patients living with wounds, innovative programs that utilize national and international experts as well as the latest technology to deliver them, along with strong collaborations with international wound care organizations, government partners, partnering organizations, patients and clinicians—as well as industry partners.

Recent Program Successes

- Significant interest in the online educational modules, which are a joint collaboration with the Ontario Hospital Association
- The licensing of the PEP Talk diabetes program in seven chronic disease co-ordination centres in Ontario that will be rolling out the program in their communities in the North East, North West, Toronto Central, Central West, Mississauga Halton, Waterloo-Wellington and South West Local Health Integrated Networks (LHIN)
- Successful release of *Diabetic Foot Canada* eJournal, a joint collaboration with RAO
- Relaunch of *Wound Care Canada*, as an online-only publication
- Collaboration with Health Sciences North in Ontario on several patient and clinician education programs
- Collaboration with Memorial University of Newfoundland on the delivery of educational programs
- Collaboration with the Northern Ontario School of Medicine on the delivery of educational programs
- Joint collaboration with Queen's University in Ontario in research
- A new partnership with the Australian Wound Management Innovation Co-operative Research Centre

- Discussions on new collaborations with Health Canada, Banting and Best group and other health regions

Come to conference and learn more about these and other exciting collaborations, partnerships and programs in the works. See you at conference!



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) has had a few changes in the Board of Directors. We would like to announce the new president: Paulo Da Rosa, RN, BScN, MCIScWH, CETN (C). Paulo is an enterostomal therapy nurse (ETN) at the London Health Sciences Centre in London, ON. We would also like to announce the new President-elect, Rosemary Hill, RN, BScN, CWOCN, who works at Vancouver Coastal Healthcare as an ETN in Vancouver, BC. We also welcome two new regional directors: Kathy Mutch, RN, BN, CETN (C), from PEI and Donna Fossum, RN, BScN, CETN (C), from Thunder Bay, ON.

The CAET has been working on some interesting initiatives over the past several months in order to advance the profession of wound, ostomy and continence care. The initiatives, many of which will be completed within the next year, have been focused in the following areas:

- In the Informatics and Research Core program, a committee led by Jean Brown RN, BScN, ET, has been working on a patient decision aid for intermittent self-catheterization.
- Carla Wells, RN, ET, PhD, has been leading a group working on the revision of CAET Enterocutaneous to support wound, ostomy and continence care.
- There will also be a new educational program on conservative sharp wound debridement.
- To address the issue of inequitable reimbursement of ostomy supplies across Canada,¹ the CAET is partnering with the United Ostomy Association of Canada (UOAC) to advocate to

government for better reimbursement to support people living in Canada with an ostomy.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the joint CAWC/CAET conference!

References

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Latest News from Regroupement Québécois en Soins de Plaies



RQSP

We are pleased to announce our next scientific day: March 20 and 21, 2015, at the Delta Sherbrooke Hotel and Conference Centre, Sherbrooke, QC. For more information and to register, please visit www.rqsp.ca.



OntWIG



OntWIG Update

The 5th annual symposium, Critical Perspectives in Evolving Ontario Wound Care Policy, held April 25, 2014 in Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON, was a great success. Symposium presentations and the proceedings booklet are available online at www.ontwig.ca.

Following panel and roundtable discussions, four working groups were established that will further the framework for consolidated centralized wound care services in Ontario:

- Costing model for wound care across the continuum of care
- Gap analysis on existing clinical and outcome-based pathways
- Wound care "certification" model
- Development of a minimum and consistent data set for common wounds

We welcome interested persons to contact Karen Laforet at ontwig@gmail.com.

OntWIG is participating in an OACCAC working group to complete a clinical analysis of the outcome-based pathway proof-of-concept data. Laura Teague is representing OntWIG on this committee.