



# CAWC News

## Education

### Clinician Education

2015 has been a busy year for educational events delivered by the CAWC. In the early months we held three two-day Changing Practice through Applied Knowledge workshops, in Whitehorse, Yukon; Truro, Nova Scotia; and Stratford, Ontario. These two-day interactive sessions focus on helping attendees learn how to apply their knowledge to real-life situations that are common in their practice as well as creating a network of colleagues in their geographical areas.

In September CAWC faculty travelled to Winnipeg, Manitoba, to deliver the one-day Prevention and Management of Diabetic Foot Complications, which reviews the risk factors that contribute to the development of diabetic foot complications and helps learners design effective treatment plans.

As well, more people than ever registered for The Foundations of Wound Care program, basic online courses that the CAWC offers through the Ontario Hospital Association at <http://www.oha.com/Education/OnlineTrainingandTools/Pages/WoundCare.aspx>. This program forms the prerequisites for the Changing Practice workshop but can also be taken as a stand-alone program by anyone wishing to learn the fundamentals of wound care.

The CAWC is currently speaking with several regions regarding education in 2016. If your facility or region is interested in hosting an educational event and has a minimum number of 50 participants, we will be able to deliver the program in your community. For more information on this opportunity, please email Executive Director Mariam Botros at [mariam@cawc.net](mailto:mariam@cawc.net) or Director of Education and Communication Sue Rosenthal at [sue@cawc.net](mailto:sue@cawc.net).

### Patient Education

The CAWC can also deliver *PEP Talk: Diabetes, Healthy Feet and You* to your region. This popular and effective peer-education program (PEP), empowers people living with diabetes to adopt self-management behaviours that can help them prevent foot complications.

For more information on the PEP Talk program, please visit <http://diabetespeptalk.ca/en/diabetes>.

### Conference

The annual conference of the Canadian Association of Wound Care will be held in Toronto, at the Westin Harbour Castle, October 29 through November 1, 2015. The title of the conference is **“The Future is Now: Transform Your Practice”** and attending will



improve your practice through new knowledge, new ways of doing and new connections.

Next year's conference will be held beside one of Canada's most famous and beautiful landmarks: Niagara Falls. By the end of the 2015 we will announce the exciting program we have planned. In the meantime, mark your calendars with the dates so you don't miss out. **Niagara Fallsview Casino; November 3–5, 2016.**



## Branching Out

The CAWC would like to announce the formation of two committees that will help advance the cause of wound prevention and management in Canada in two areas: advocacy and research.

### Advocacy

Advocacy activities at the CAWC have been taking place throughout 2015. Along with other organizations and individuals, the CAWC has been addressing deficits in policy related to diabetic foot care. Starting in Ontario, the group has been meeting with personnel in the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and written a letter to Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care Eric Hoskins and Deputy Minister of Health Bob Bell to encourage them to address the gaps. The letter can be read [here](#). This effort will be expanded to other provinces and territories over the next year.

As well, an article aimed at policy makers was written on the hidden scourge of peripheral arterial disease (PAD). Entitled Just Leg Pain? Think Again: What Health Leaders Must Know about Peripheral Arterial Disease, the article was scheduled at press time to be published in the [upcoming issue of Healthcare Management Forum](#), the journal of the Canadian College of Health Leaders.

The Advocacy Committee has been formally set up and consists of:

**Chair:** James Elliott, BSc, MSc

#### Members:

Greg Archibald, MD, CCFP, FCFP

Rohit Khanna, BA, MBA, MSc

Janet L. Kuhnke, RN, BA, BScN, MSc, ET

Karen Laforet, RN, MCISc

Andrew Springer, BSc, DCh, FRSH

Nicola Waters, RN MSc PhD(c)

## Spread the Word!

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### CAWC:

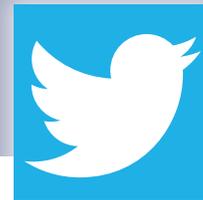
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/woundcarecanada](http://www.facebook.com/woundcarecanada)

Twitter: [@WoundCareCanada](https://twitter.com/WoundCareCanada)

### Diabetic Foot Canada:

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/DiabeticFootCanada](http://www.facebook.com/DiabeticFootCanada)

Twitter: [@DiabeticFootCa](https://twitter.com/DiabeticFootCa)



### Research

The Research Committee will have their first meeting at the CAWC conference, where they will discuss their plans for the coming years.

**Chair:** Michael Stacey, MBBS, DS W. Aust., FRACS

#### Members:

Karen Cross, MD, PhD, FRCSC

James Elliott, BSc, MSc

Pamela Houghton, BScPT, PhD

Chantal Labrecque, RN, BSN, MSN

Kim Leblanc, MN, RN, CETN(C), PhD (student)

Perry Mayer, MB, BCh, CCFP

Adam Power, MD

Douglas Queen, BSc, PhD, MBA

Nicola Waters, RN, MSc, PhD(c)

Kevin Woo, PhD, RN, FAPWCA

While the two groups will each have their own focus, they will both contribute to our organization's mandate to communicate about wounds and address issues such as the latest evidence and how it impacts practice and outcomes, address gaps in policy and care and improve awareness about the burden of wounds, both at a societal and personal level. Stay tuned for regular communiqués from the two committees.