



# CAWC News

## Advocacy Update

Our advocacy efforts to improve the lives of patients with wounds or at risk for wounds have been picking up momentum and we're starting to see results. In April, we held an enormously successful reception with members of the Ontario legislature where we outlined our recommendations for preventing amputations in persons with diabetic foot ulcers. Since this event, we have been in regular contact with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to discuss next steps for getting policy changed. The ministry has publicly acknowledged "the key role of the Canadian Association of Wound Care in improving care for patients with wounds" and has ensured that we have representation on Health Quality Ontario, which is an advisory group to the ministry.

In addition to the attention of the ministry, the reception has led to pick-up in several news outlets with stories about the issue. CAWC Executive Director Mariam Botros has been interviewed by several media outlets and has put forward the CAWC's commitment to keeping this issue in the

forefront of government and public awareness.

We are continuing our advocacy initiative regarding the prevention of diabetic foot complications in other provinces and territories across Canada. To that end, our team wrote a short piece aimed at patients on preventing diabetic foot complications that was published in a recent issue of *Maclean's*.

Stay tuned for more information on our progress.

## New website coming soon!

Work on the revised CAWC website is coming along nicely and we are confident it will be up and running this fall. This completely redesigned site will allow quicker and easier navigation and more functions to support your information needs.

Stay tuned for more information and for our official launch date!

## Overview of our Spring Educational Programs

This spring has been a busy time for the CAWC. We have delivered six educational workshops since January, including four focusing on general wound management and two on the prevention of diabetic foot complications.

The four general wound-focused workshops, called "Changing Practice through Applied Knowledge," hosted in Cobourg, ON; Moose Factory, ON; White Point, NS; and Stratford, ON,

### Spread the Word!

Be part of our grassroots communications by connecting with us on our social media channels. Like, share and retweet our messages so your friends and colleagues become aware of the work we all do together.



#### 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)



## CAWC Conference

### 2016: Familiar yet New

This year's CAWC national conference, **Wounds Across the Continuum of Care: Access, Innovations and Integration**, is being held in Niagara Falls, ON, November 3 to 6, 2016.

For the first time we have a day where the sessions have been organized into learning blocks that cover patients' main points of access to the health system. These include: home and community care, primary care, long-term care and acute care. In addition to these blocks, we have included many sessions in our "You Asked for It" section, which features presentations on topics based on attendee feedback from prior conferences and other educational events.

The conference will also feature a pediatric wounds stream, overviews of the CAWC's Best Practice Recommendation updates, plenary sessions on a wide variety of topics and blocks on diabetes, pressure injuries and technology and innovation. In addition we have a special block called "How do you solve a problem like wound care," which addresses questions every clinician faces regardless of area of practice or special interest. Oral poster presentations will run for two full days and feature the latest research.

Our popular workshops are moving from the final afternoon of the conference to the evening of the first day, Thursday, November 3. Check out the [agenda](#) for details.

### CAWC Boot Camp: One Week of Intensive Learning

For those who are new to wound care, we recommend an intensive and varied learning experience—all under one roof during the week of conference. Kick off the week by attending our two-day case-based basic course called "Changing Practice through Applied Knowledge." Stay for the next four days and soak in the knowledge, networking and inspiration that conference brings. At the end of the week you'll be exhausted, excited and ready to tackle the world of skin and wound management.

Discounts are available to participants attending both events. Please visit the website at <http://cawc.net/en/index.php/conference/registration/> for registration details.

### 2017: Twice the Learning

Next year's national conference will take place November 16–19, 2017, in Mississauga, ON, and a brand new regional conference is planned for May 11–13, 2017, in Kamloops, BC. Both agendas will be packed with learning and networking opportunities. Mark your calendars now!



delivered the most up-to-date information to approximately 300 health-care professionals.

The two workshops focused on the diabetic foot, called "Advances for the Management of Diabetic Foot Complications," took place in Mississauga, ON, and London, ON. Approximately 200 advanced health-care professionals took part.

Although our focus now shifts to preparing for conference, we look forward to delivering additional workshops in the fall, including the two-day workshop November 1 and 2 in Niagara Falls, ON.

If your facility or agency is interested in hosting one of these events, please contact [education@cawc.net](mailto:education@cawc.net).