



News in Wound Care

Advocacy: Coverage for Offloading Devices in Ontario

Wounds Canada works hard behind the scenes to advance wound prevention and care across the country. One of the issues we've been advocating for is full coverage for offloading devices for persons with diabetic foot ulcers, to prevent amputations. We've started in Ontario and will be expanding our efforts across the country. On February



21, 2017, Wounds Canada Executive Director Mariam Botros joined the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario (RNAO) and Diabetes Canada at Queen's Park to confirm that a coverage change will be forthcoming. As a result of the work by Wounds Canada, the RNAO, the Canadian Association for Enterostomal Therapy (CAET) and other interested stakeholders, the government confirmed they will make an official announcement in favour of full funding in May. Stay tuned!

Wounds Canada Events

Wounds Canada is running two conferences this year! These conferences are aimed at health-care professionals looking to improve their knowledge and skills, connect with colleagues who share sim-

ilar challenges and participate in the largest skin and wound events of the year.

Spring Conference

Wounds Canada's spring conference, "Exploring Evidence in Wound Care," is scheduled for May 12–13, 2017, in Kamloops, BC, at Thompson Rivers University Conference Centre. The conference will include information and tips for caring for all kinds of wounds, based on the new Wound Prevention and Management Cycle, and will feature local and national speakers. To see the agenda and to register for the conference, visit www.woundscanada.ca/health-care-professional/education-health-care-professional/regional-conference.



Kamloops 2017

**Spring
Conference**

MAY 12–13, 2017
KAMLOOPS, BC

Fall Conference

Wounds Canada's fall conference is scheduled for November 16–19, 2017, in Mississauga, Ontario, at the International Centre.

Wounds Canada's fall conference is a four-day continuing education event designed to support health-care professionals who work with patients with wounds or who are at risk for developing wounds. To see the agenda and to register for the conference, visit www.woundscanada.ca/health-care-professional/education-health-care-professional/fall-conference.



Mississauga 2017

**Fall
Conference**

NOV. 16–19, 2017
MISSISSAUGA, ON

Onsite Workshops

Changing Practice through Applied Knowledge Workshop

This year, Wounds Canada is offering the two-day Changing Practice through Applied Knowledge workshop prior to each of our conferences. This workshop was recently updated to align with Wounds Canada's newly published Best Practice Recommendations articles (see below for more information). The case-based course focuses on



helping learners apply their knowledge to real-life situations that are common in their practice.

In Kamloops, this workshop will run May 10–11, 2017; in Mississauga, November 14–15, 2017. To register for one of these workshops, visit www.woundscanada.ca/health-care-professional/education-health-care-professional/advanced-education#more-about-changing-practice-through-applied-knowledge.

Special Note

If you would like to attend both the two-day workshop AND the corresponding conference (called the "Boot Camp"), there is a special price offered when you combine your registration. Visit the links below and refer to the description of "Option 3" to register for the Boot Camp option.

Kamloops: www.woundscanada.ca/health-care-professional/education-health-care-professional/regional-conference

Mississauga: <https://woundscanada.ca/health-care-professional/education-health-care-professional/fall-conference>

Peripheral Arterial Disease Workshop

On April 21, 2017, Wounds Canada offered a brand new one-day workshop focused on peripheral arterial disease (PAD).

Tailored to physicians, cardiologists, specialists and internists, this workshop provided attendees with the latest strategies to identify and treat PAD using a patient-centred, evidence-based model.

This workshop was presented by Giuseppe Papia, MD, Robyn Evans, MD, and Barbie Murray, CNS.



Best Practice Recommendations Articles

Starting in 2016, Wounds Canada began a complete review and update of all the previously published Best Practice Recommendations (BPR) articles. The first six papers are now complete and can be found on the Wounds Canada website, at <https://woundscanada.ca/health-care-professional/education-health-care-professional/advanced-education/12-healthcare-professional/110-supplements>.

Wounds Canada is excited to report that there has been an overwhelmingly positive response to these new articles. In total, the papers have been downloaded almost 14,000 times since their staggered release in January and February of this year. Have you downloaded your copies yet?

Continuing through 2017,



Wounds Canada is undertaking four additional topics:

- Physiology of Chronic Lower-leg Edema
- Peripheral Arterial Ulcers
- Venous Leg Ulcers
- Burns

These four new articles will continue to follow the process outlined in the Wound Prevention and Management Cycle to guide the clinician through the application of best practice.

From Our Partners in Wound Care

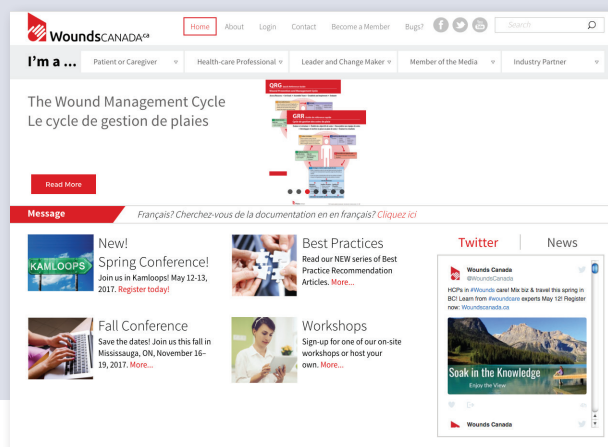
Regroupement Québécois en Soins de Plaies (RQSP)

The Regroupement Québécois en Soins de Plaies (RQSP) hosted a successful event on March 17 and 18, in Quebec City. Over 350 delegates, 23 exhibitors and 13 speakers, as well as a patient, gathered to exchange knowledge and collaborate to improve wound



www.WoundsCanada.ca

The new Wounds Canada website was launched in January. It features the new name, face and branding. This completely redesigned site allows for quicker and easier navigation, more content and improved functionality. Over time, it will grow to have much more information for all our audiences, including patients, health-care professionals, media, industry partners and government decision makers. Visit our new website now, at www.woundscanada.ca.



Wounds Canada

Starting in 2017, the Canadian Association of Wound Care began using its new name, Wounds Canada, instead of "CAWC." This new branding will be seen on all promotional information and educational materials and on the new website.



care in Quebec. Some of the topics discussed were pilonidal sinus, osteoradionecrosis, skin tears, interpretation of the wound swab, Wounds Canada's Wound Prevention and Management Cycle, and the role of occupational therapists. As well, the RQSP introduced the new Chantal Labrecque Grant, which was presented to Maryse Beaumier, PhD candidate in Biomedical Sciences, to support her project on the development of a tool to assess the probability of an arterial insufficiency in a lower limb wound.

Next year's conference will be March 16 and 17 in Trois-Rivières, Québec. Information: www.rqsp.ca.



Coming Up

Interested in wound, ostomy and continence specialized care? The 36th National Conference of the Canadian Association for Enterostomal Therapy (CAET), in partnership with the Southwest Regional Wound Care Program, will take place May 25–28, 2017, at the London Convention Centre in London, Ontario. The conference theme is "Patient-Centred Care – Growing Stronger Together," and it will be relevant to specialized wound, ostomy and continence care education. For further information, visit www.caet.ca and click on "Conference."



Wounds Canada Around the Country

Wounds Canada is an active participant in wound-related events across Canada. In March alone, we had booths at the Regroupement Québécois en Soins de Plaies (RQSP) conference in Quebec City, QC, and in St. Catharines, ON, at the Wounds Niagara event. In both locations, we had a draw for a great prize! Congratulations to our prize winners Isabelle Deshaies in Quebec City and Gail Knight in St. Catharines.

In Quebec, Wounds Canada/Plaies Canada was there showing off our new look. As well, our Wound Prevention and Management Cycle (WPMC) was in

the spotlight at Louise Forest-Lalande's session, during which she discussed the new cycle and the evolution of wound management. Thanks to

Louise and a few other volunteers, we now have a French version of the WPMC.

In Niagara, we talked to attendees at the booth about the educational programs and resources Wounds Canada offers, the new BPRs and the fall conference in Mississauga, as many of the delegates are only a short drive away.

In May, we'll be in London, ON, at the CAET conference, and in June, in Winnipeg, MB, and Edmonton and Calgary, AB. Hope to see you there!



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