



# Wounds Canada News

## Professional Development at Wounds Canada

### First Time's a Charm for Our Spring Conference!

Nearly 300 participants from across Canada attended the Wounds Canada first annual Spring Conference, in Kamloops, BC, in May, titled Exploring Evidence in Wound Care. The four-day event included our popular two-day Changing Practice through Applied Knowledge workshop,



May 10–11, for wound novices, followed by two days of learning and networking at the main conference, May 12–13. The conference featured 19 sessions, oral poster presentations and four corporate-sponsored sessions.

The feedback was positive from attendees, and plans are already well along for our next spring conference, May 11–12, 2018, at the RBC Convention Centre in Winnipeg, MB.

## Coming Up: 2017 Fall Conference

Our **Fall Conference** will be in Mississauga, ON, November 16–19, 2017. The conference is titled **Evolving Over Time: Targeting Best Practice in Canada** and will feature sessions on topics relevant to Canadian wound carers at all levels of expertise, all care settings and all types of practice.



Mississauga 2017

Fall Conference

NOV. 16–19, 2017  
MISSISSAUGA, ON

### Special features:

- keynote speaker and champion Indy car driver James Hinchcliffe, who will share his inspiring story of recovery after being seriously injured in a crash in 2015
- five hands-on workshops to further your practical skills
- blocks of topics organized by care setting
- posters on the latest research, delivered electronically and via interactive oral presentation sessions

### New this year:

- In response to requests and feedback, we will offer burns and first-responders streams as well as single sessions on the most-requested topics.
- We are excited to welcome the International Wound Care Institute to our conference.
- An interactive Sunday will put your wound sleuth skills to work!

### THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT!

Wounds Canada is introducing an exciting new confer-



ence app. This app will allow attendees to easily view all conference information, including an interactive agenda, speaker bios, exhibitor information and more. Users will also be able to interact with each other, faculty and our partners, and, during select sessions, participate with speakers in real time. The app is paperless, user-friendly, interactive and includes real-time polling and games.

#### **CME CREDITS**

This event has been designated as a University of Toronto accredited event. For details on CME credits, please visit the [conference page](#) of the website.

## **Mark Your Calendar for Our 2018 Conferences**

### **Spring Conference in Winnipeg, Manitoba**

May 11–12, 2018, at the RBC Convention Centre

### **Fall Conference in London, Ontario**

November 8–11, 2018, at the London Convention Centre

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## **What's New Online?**

### **Skin and Wounds Research Directory**

In July, Wounds Canada launched an online [Research Directory](#) intended to create a database of researchers, their areas of interest and current projects. This tool will facilitate collaborations among researchers, representatives of industry

and clinicians. As a public directory, it can also be viewed and participated in by any interested individuals. Please add your name and research projects to the directory and encourage your research peers to add theirs as well.

### **Best Practice Recommendations (BPR) News**

It is evident from the number of downloads (more than 35,000) of our first set of BPRs that clinicians across the country and around the world are interested in the easy-to-use format and comprehensive information the BPRs deliver. To continue to provide you with more of this type of resource, we are currently developing burn, venous leg ulcer and arterial ulcer BPRs. Look for these in 2018.

As well, we are in the process of translating the pressure injury BPR into French and are seeking funding to translate the others.

### **Social Media and Website**

Our website visits and social media follows and likes have steadily increased during 2017. Through these channels we will continue to distribute useful information and tools to health-care professionals, the public and other stakeholders with an interest in wound prevention and care. Please encourage your colleagues and patients to connect with Wounds Canada through one or more of our online channels and our [website](#), so they can benefit from what we offer.

## **Stay connected!**

### **Get on the Wounds Canada mailing list!**

To receive notifications, information, invitations and more, send an email to [info@woundscanada.ca](mailto:info@woundscanada.ca).

### **Follow us on social media!**

#### **Wounds Canada:**

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

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

#### **Diabetic Foot Canada:**

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

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