



News in Wound Care

Wounds Canada News

Year-end Wrap-up

We are happy to report that Wounds Canada had a very successful 2018, with two conferences—one in Winnipeg, MB, and one in London, ON—the launch of our Wounds Canada Institute, the publication of a wide range of tools, documents, publications and other resources, and advocacy activities throughout the country. We were in the media spotlight a number of times providing expert commentary on the issues, as experts on the issues clinicians and patients face every day. We're looking forward to another productive year in 2019.

2019 Events

As always, Wounds Canada has a busy schedule of events planned, so mark your calendars for the activities that will help you with your professional development and networking. Visit our [website](#) for more details on each of the events.

Conferences

- **April 12–13, 2019:** Wounds Canada Spring Conference, Halifax Convention Centre, 1650 Argyle Street, Halifax, NS
- **May 31, 2019:** New for 2019: Wounds Canada Limb Preservation Conference, DoubleTree by Hilton Toronto Downtown, 108 Chestnut St., Toronto, ON
- **October 3–6, 2019:** Wounds Canada Fall Conference, Fallsview Casino Resort, 6380 Fallsview Boulevard, and Niagara Falls Hilton Hotel & Suites, 6361 Fallsview Boulevard Niagara Falls, ON



Posters at Conference

Watch the Wounds Canada website and your inbox for announcements about the call for abstracts for the Halifax and Niagara Falls conferences. We invite authors to share information about activities/projects related to skin and wound care in a broad range of areas including research, education, health policy and clinical practice. You may be selected to present your poster digitally and/or orally. Share your research and experience by submitting a poster abstract!



WC Institute Live Events

The Wounds Canada Institute (WCI) uses the opportunity of holding conferences to present other educational events at the same time and in the same place. For example, at the 2018 fall conference, we conducted three live educational events: The skills lab for the **Best Practice Approach to Skin Health and Wound Management: Knowledge and Skills** program, the skills lab for the **Holistic Approach to Diabetic Foot Offloading: Knowledge and Skills** program and the Wound Care for Primary Care Practitioners live event.



This year we plan to hold the following WCI educational events (subject to change):

- **April 11, 2019:** Halifax, NS: Skin and Wound Care for Unregulated Care Providers (UCP)
- **April 11, 2019:** Halifax, NS: Focus on the Prevention and Management of Venous Leg Ulcers: Knowledge and Skills
- **April 13, 2019:** Halifax, NS: Wound Care for Primary Care Practitioners
- **October 2, 2019:** Niagara Falls, ON: Best Practice Approach to Skin Health and Wound Management: Knowledge and Skills

Check out the [WCI website](#) for complete details on the programs connected to these live events (note: most of the live events have prerequisite online courses). This could be your opportunity to compound multiple learning experiences in one place at one time!

WCI Programs

Our popular educational programs have been accessed by hundreds of health-care professionals seeking to improve their knowledge and skills and join an integrated community of learners in

the area of wound prevention and management. If you haven't looked into these cost-effective, convenient programs, go to [www.wound-](#)

[scanada.ca](#) and check them out. New programs are being added regularly, so don't forget to visit the site and see what's been added.

New for 2019

We are pleased to announce that the following programs will be added in 2019:

- Focus on the Prevention and Management of Skin Tears: Knowledge
- Focus on the Prevention and Management of Moisture-associated Skin Damage: Knowledge
- Focus on the Prevention and Management of Burns: Knowledge
- An online version of Skin and Wound Care for Unregulated Care Providers
- An online version of Wound Care for Primary Care Practitioners

Best Practice Recommendations

Did you know the Wounds Canada best practice recommendation (BPR) articles are Canada's most popular wound documents? Believe it or not, the BPRs have been downloaded over 200,000 times since the first online versions were published in 2017. If you haven't downloaded your copies yet, [click here](#) to obtain these essential resources.

Just Released!

Hot off the virtual presses is our newest BPR: "Best Practice Recommendations for the Prevention and Management of Burns."

This comprehensive resource provides clinicians in any setting with the latest information they need on the prevention and management of minor and major burns. Visit the Wounds Canada website to download your copy today!

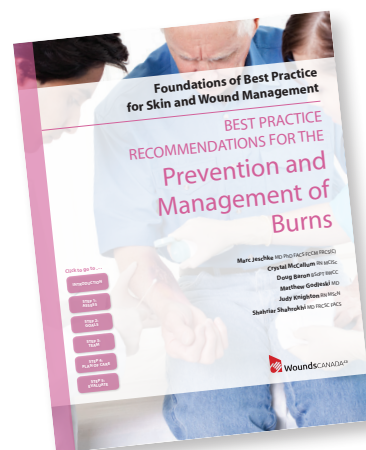
New for 2019

More BPRs are currently in the production pipeline and are planned for release during 2019. Over the year we'll be working on:

- "Best Practice Recommendations for the Prevention and Management of Arterial Ulcers"
- "Best Practice Recommendations for the Prevention and Management of Venous Leg Ulcers"
- "Best Practice Recommendations for the Prevention and Management of Moisture-associated Skin Damage"

New Tools for Clinicians

The Wounds Canada website is a one-stop shop for busy clinicians who want information and tools to improve and support their practices. We've done the work for you by translating the latest research into resources you can use to help deliver the best care to your patients. Check



out our recently published or updated **Product Pickers**.

New Tools for 2019

Coming next year: Advanced Therapies Quick Reference Guide

Have Your Say!

What kinds of resources do you want and need? Wounds Canada will be conducting a series of surveys to help determine how we can best support you and your patients. Stay tuned for more information about this initiative and how you can be involved.

Committees and Task Forces

This year, Wounds Canada created two new groups: National Strategy Committee and the Diabetic Foot Task Force.

The National Strategy Committee is made up of representatives of Canada's health regions and not-for-profit organizations with a stake in wound prevention and care. Its purpose is to "identify, support and advance issues of national importance related to wound prevention and management in Canada and advocate for change to improve patient outcomes."

The Diabetic Foot Task Force brings together stakeholders from across the country to support a national amputation prevention strategy.

A Place for Giving

We are very pleased to announce that Wounds Canada has created a charitable entity called the Wounds Canada

Foundation. The Foundation will enable us to increase our reach into areas such as scholarship, research and, perhaps most importantly, patient outreach. Over the course of 2019, you will

receive more information about how you can support the Wounds Canada Foundation and its aims.



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