

# A Celebration of Wounds Canada's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

or many reasons, we will not forget the Wounds Canada 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, held during the virtual 2020 fall conference. A long time ago, the Wounds Canada team started planning an exciting event to commemorate this milestone year. We were going to have a gala at the

Westin Harbour
Castle in Toronto
during our fall
conference, with
a program highlighting the many
milestones of the
organization and
paying tribute to
the leadership of
board of directors
of the Canadian
Association of
Wounds Care, now





Wounds Canada. We had arranged a site survey to check the facilities to ensure there would be enough space for guests, the food stations, music and dancing. After all, what is a celebration without dancing?

But the new reality got in the way. Since the Wounds Canada team had to move to an online format for the national conference, the

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25<sup>th</sup> celebration would be virtual as well. Throughout the year we gathered various mementos, photos and video greetings to mark the occasion. Douglas Queen, a long-time supporter of Wounds Canada, worked his creative flair to prepare a combined video of good wishes, memories and trivia questions to commemorate the anniversary during the conference.

We wanted all Wounds Canada supporters/ well-wishers to be able to attend the celebratory event, so we organized a meeting that was easy to access and spread the word far and wide. Unfortunately, we did have some party-crashers and had to quickly shut-down our first celebration. This, however, did not dampen our spirits and we regrouped to hold our event the next day with security in place. Our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration was indeed unforgettable!

The commemorative video included an international welcome by Keith Harding along with greetings from the past and current presidents: Gary Sibbald, Heather Orsted and Karen Campbell, David Keast, Cathy Burrows, Pat Coutts, Greg Archibald, Morty Eisenberg and Barbie Murray.

Added reflections and greetings were also shared by Cathy Harley, Shane Inlow, Connie Harris, Pamela Houghton, Wayne Gulliver, Nancy Parslow, Nicole Kocajda, Michael Quart, Peggy Ahearn, Douglas Queen, Mariam Botros and Sue Rosenthal.



To help jog some memories, the event was sprinkled with trivia questions. See if you can answer these:

- 1. What city was the location of the first Wounds Canada conference?
  - a. Montreal
  - b. Toronto
  - c. Vancouver
  - d. Halifax



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- 2. What was the first wounds Canada conference, in November 1995, called?
  - a. Wounds Canada Conference
  - b. Canadian Symposium on Wounds Management
  - c. CAWC National Conference
  - d. Canadian Wound Conference
- 3. Which physician from Moncton, who specialized in infection control, was a keynote speaker at the first Wounds Canada conference?
  - a. Dr David Keast
  - b. Dr Chester Ho
  - c. Dr Robyn Evans
  - d. Dr Gordon Dow



- 4. Barbara Bates-Jensen presented at the first Wounds Canada conference on what innovative system?
  - a. Wound and skin care intelligence system
  - b.BWAT tool
  - c. PUSH tool
  - d. Braden scale



- 5. A physician from Cardiff, Wales, spoke on "Clean vs Sterile" at the second Wounds Canada conference. What was his name?
  - a. Dr Marvin Levin
  - b. Dr Keith Harding
  - c. Dr George Rodeheaver
  - d. Dr Kel Cohen

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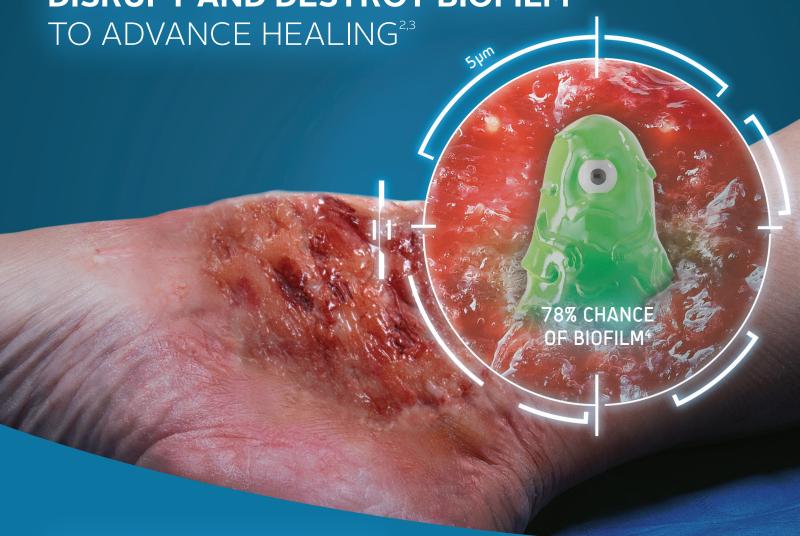
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- 6. Who was the first editor of Wound Care Canada?
  - a. Deidre O'Sullilvan-Drombolis
  - b. Barbie Murray
  - c. Edie Atrell
  - d. Sue Rosenthal
- 7. In 2017, the keynote speaker had a need for speed. What was his name?
  - a. Douglas Queen
  - b. Keith Harding
  - c. Slo Pace
  - d. James Hinchcliffe
- 8. What is the name of the registered nurse/ enterostomal therapist from Calgary who became the second president of Wounds Canada?
  - a. Heather Orsted
  - b. Nancy Parslow
  - c. Mary Hill
  - d. Rosemary Hill

The walk down memory lane and the multitude of greetings brought up many fond memories and nostalgia for the revelers at the event. At the end, the participants raised a glass to toast to another 25 years of continued hard work in advancing wound care to improve the lives of Canadians.

Happy Anniversary, Wounds Canada!







Answers:
1. c 5. b
2. b 6. d
3. d 7. d
3. d 7. d
4. 8. 8

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