

WCI Spotlight

Focus on the Prevention and Management of Pressure Injuries: Knowledge (A102MWN)

Consisting of two online modules and an interactive webinar, the **Focus on the Prevention and Management of Pressure Injuries: Knowledge** program is ideal for nurses and allied health-care professionals who want to improve their knowledge of pressure injury prevention, assessment and management.

The program starts with an overview of the critical components needed to identify and prevent pressure injuries in at-risk patients and then provides a case-based scenario in which students critically apply the Wound Prevention and Management Cycle.

After completing the online modules and having an opportunity to practise their new knowledge in their workplace, students are then invited to attend the webinar component of this program, where they are encouraged to discuss how they have been able, or unable, to implement the knowledge and skills learned during this program. The webinar is designed to be informal, with strategies and challenges discussed by all participants. Through peer learning and support, under the guidance of the expert moderator, all partici-

pating students are helped in moving forward towards best practice. One recent participant, Maureen F., commented, "Most sharing in the webinar was from long-term-care staff, which I

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was able to relate to, and the implementations some others have put in place would also be beneficial for my workplace. I will put forth suggestions related to combining tools to simplify assessments. Thank you to all those participants.”

Program graduate Alysha C. stated that the most useful

takeaway that will enhance her professional practice is “the use of validated tools to assess wounds and patients that are at risk for pressure ulcers or skin breakdown.” As a result of taking the Focus on the Prevention and Management of Pressure Injuries: Knowledge program, another student indicated that

she can now “improve [her] assessment skills for the patient as a whole and not just their wound as its own entity.”

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