

WCI Spotlight

Focus on the Prevention and Management of Skin Tears (A104MWN)

Comprising two online modules and a live, interactive webinar (completed in that order), the *Focus on the Prevention and Management of Skin Tears* pro-

"I found it [the program] very well run . . . I felt [the faculty] incorporated a lot of discussion and it was nice to hear others are having similar issues and we could learn from one another."

—Program participant

gram is based on the content of the Wounds Canada document *Best Practice Recommendations (BPR)* for the Prevention and

Management of Skin Tears.

If you are a nurse or allied health provider, and consider yourself novice or advanced-beginner in the area of wound-care, then this course is designed for you! This program is developed and delivered by national experts and are designed based on adult learning guidelines.

In the first module, students review the BPR and are tested on their knowledge of the document's key components. The second module applies the knowledge learned from reviewing the BPR to a case study, using the Wound Prevention and Management Cycle. After successfully completing the two online modules, students attend a live,

interactive webinar, where they discuss with expert faculty and fellow students what practice changes they have (and have not) been able to implement specific to the online modules. Students are encouraged to discuss the barriers they faced when attempting to make personal or organizational practice

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To find out more about the *Focus on the Prevention and Management of Skin Tears: Knowledge* program and other WCI programs, visit the WCI website at

www.woundscanadainstitute.ca.






change. This sharing of experience allows students to develop strategies to overcome barriers and develop their own professional networks.

A recent annual review of student evaluations found that 100% of students “strongly agreed” or “agreed” not only that this program met their expectations, but that it enhanced their knowledge as well. All

respondents also “strongly agreed” or “agreed” that they will use information learned in their practice. Regarding the program content, one student wrote, “I found the skin tear risk assessment and risk reduction tools very informative and will be bringing it to my Clinical Manager to implement in our workflow.” Responding to a question about how they will

change their practice because of completing the A104MWN program, another student wrote, “Assessment/reassessment and building interdisciplinary team(s). . . .”

For more information on the **A104MWN program** (Focus on the Prevention and Management of Skin Tears), visit the **Wounds Canada Institute website**. 



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