

Canadian Association of Wound Care News

Education

Educational Opportunities Now Available

In 2004, the CAWC S-Series is taking Canada by storm. The S-Series is a three-part educational series based on the four Canadian Best Practice Recommendations for Wound Management that have been developed by the CAWC. These Best Practices Recommendations include Wound Bed Preparation, Pressure Ulcers, Venous Ulcers and Diabetic Foot Ulcers.

This series is composed of three linked sessions that together enhance the understanding, skills and effectiveness of the wound-care clinician:

- S1 – Knowledge session (pre-requisite for the S2)
 - S2 – Skills learning session (pre-requisite for S3)
 - S3 – The Reflective Learning and Practice Portfolio
- The 2004 S-Series schedule includes sessions in Toronto, Winnipeg, Halifax and Montreal (in French).

On completion of each S-Series session, the participant will receive a Letter of Completion, and at the end of the complete series (S1, S2, S3) a CAWC Certificate of Completion will be awarded. This S-Series is an introduction, and is complementary, to advanced studies in wound care offered through the University of Toronto, specifically the International Interdisciplinary Wound Care Course.

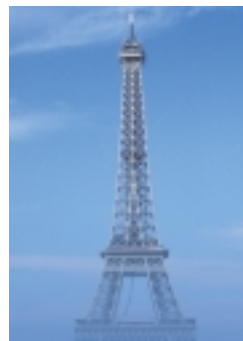
For further information please visit the CAWC Web site at www.cawc.net.



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The CAWC Annual Conference Celebrating 10 Years of Wound Caring! The Wound Care Party of the Decade

The 10th Annual Conference of the CAWC will be held in Calgary, AB, November 11–14, 2004. Please mark your calendars and check the CAWC Web site, www.cawc.net, for further information.



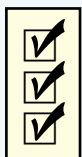
International Partnerships Paris Meeting, July 2004

The CAWC will be participating in the World Union of Wound Healing Societies meeting in Paris, July 8–13, 2004. Stay up-to-date with information on this event at www.cawc.net. Please refer to the article in this issue of *Wound Care Canada* written by Dr. R.G. Sibbald about the World Union of Wound Healing Societies.

Research

Innovative Study Results Available Soon

Results of the CAWC-funded study *The Extent of Chronic Wounds in Canada* will be posted on the CAWC Web site as they become available. This study explores the extent of the problem of chronic wounds in Canada.



Public Policy

Supporting Evidence-based Wound Care

The Public Policy Committee continues to work hard to provide an evidence-based approach to wound management. The Agree Instrument is being used to rate the evidence base and process of guidelines, protocols and best practices. To learn more about the AGREE Instrument, visit the CAWC Web site.

CAWC Welcomes New Board Members

The CAWC is pleased to announce that eight new members have been elected for a three-year term to the Board of Directors. Please welcome the following individuals, who bring valuable expertise in wound management:

Dr. Imaan Bayoumi, Kingston, ON	Dr. Marie Françoise Mégie, Laval, QC
Dr. Mario Coté, Levis, QC	
Patricia Coutts, RN, Mississauga, ON	Dr. R. Miller, Halifax, NS
Louise Forest-Lalande, RN, Montreal, QC	Yvette Moulin, RN, Laval, QC
	Dr. Gordon Searles, Edmonton, AB

CAWC Board Holds Retreat

CAWC Board members participated in a weekend planning retreat in Toronto in January 2004. The weekend focused on educating Board members about the operations of a not-for-profit board and provided a planning forum for 2004 CAWC initiatives. The retreat was a successful combination of hard work and relationship building.

CAWC's New Paediatric Board Position

Congratulations to Louise Forest-Lalande who has been recently nominated to the CAWC Board in the position of Paediatric Wound Specialist. Louise invites individuals with a paediatric wound interest to contact her at the following e-mail address: forest.lalande@sympatico.ca.



CAWC French Language Initiative

To better serve the French language wound-care population, the CAWC has created a French Language Committee made up of Marie Françoise Mégie, Mario Coté, Yvette Moulin, Louise Forest-Lalande and Lincoln D'Souza. French language initiatives include the following for 2004:

- 1) Clinical Practice: The CAWC Best Practice Recommendations have been translated into French and are now available at www.cawc.net.
- 2) Education: The CAWC Seminar Series will be launched in French on May 28, 2004, in Montreal. French-speaking wound-care opinion leaders will be trained to educate on wound-care practice. The planning will soon commence for a bilingual Annual CAWC Conference to take place in Montreal in 2005.
- 3) Communications: The French language content of *Wound Care Canada* and the CAWC Web site continues to expand.

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CAWC Scholarships

The CAWC invites members to apply for one of eight scholarships valued at \$2,500 and developed to assist in educating, informing and promoting best practices to improve patient outcomes within the wound-care community. There is also a new International Scholarship available. The scholarships are awarded in the form of educational and research grants and are presented to recipients at the annual CAWC conference in November. The 2003 scholarship winners are:

- *Dr. Warren L. Rottman Education Scholarship*: Marilyn Rutherford
 - *Cathy Harley Educational Grant in Memory of Aldora Harder and Cathy Foster*: Betty-Ann Prince
 - *Tendra Wound Care Educational Scholarship*: Donna Flahr
 - *Elise Sorensen, RN, Memorial Scholarship*: Kathleen McPhee
 - *R. Gary Sibbald International Scholarship*: José-Contreras Ruiz
- Two of the scholarships were not awarded in 2003 because of a lack of qualified applicants.

Congratulations to all scholarship winners.

Breaking News

We are pleased to announce the creation of the Heather Orsted Scholarship for Team Development, which will be awarded to two or more disciplines for team education at the IAWCC. Please see the CAWC Web site for details.

CAWC Membership

Check Out the Discounts on CAWC Educational Events – It's Worth it!

There has never been a better time to become a CAWC member and to experience the benefits that being a CAWC member offers. Your decision to join the CAWC should be fueled by the belief that together, as an organized community-based association, we can improve wound care for patients, clinicians, caregivers and related organizations. We need your ongoing support to build your association and realize our objectives.

For more information about joining the CAWC and the many benefits you will receive from doing so, visit the CAWC Web site.



Clinical Practice

The Canadian Clinical Practice Survey has been completed by the CAWC Clinical Practice Committee and can be found in this issue of *Wound Care Canada*.