

CAWC Events



"Working Well: Taking the Pressure Off" Twelfth Annual Conference of the **Canadian Association** of Wound Care November 16-19, 2006 Ottawa Congress Centre Ottawa, ON www.cawc.net

Other Events

National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel Biennial Conference Best Practice and Consensus for Shaping the Future of Pressure **Ulcer Staging**

February 9-10, 2007 San Antonio Hilton on the Riverwalk San Antonio, TX www.npuap.org

American Professional Wound Care Conference Wound Care and the Related Sciences

April 19-22, 2007 Sheraton Philadelphia City Center (formerly Wyndham Philadelphia) Philadelphia, PA www.apwca.org

Symposium on Advanced Wound Care/Wound Healing Society combined meetings April 28-May 1, 2007 Tampa Convention Center Tampa, FL www.sawc.net

"Navigating the Seas of Change"-Wound, Ostomy, Continence Canadian Association for **Enterostomal Therapy** 26th Annual Conference May 23-26, 2007 The Lord Nelson Hotel Halifax, NS www.caet.ca

RNAO Biennial International Conference on Evidence-based Best Practice Guidelines: Setting the Context for Excellence in Clinical Practice and Healthy Work Environments June 7-8, 2007 Markham, ON www.rnao.org

International News

Wound Infection Institute

"Wound infection scares me on a daily basis," says Professor Keith Harding, Director of the

Wound Healing Research Unit at the University of Wales College of Medicine, Cardiff, U.K. "Increasing our knowledge of why a wound is infected and how we may best be able to treat it is fundamental."

This challenge was the impetus for the inaugural meeting of the Wound Infection Institute (WII) that took place in Budapest this past June. Chaired by Professor Harding, the WII meeting was a multidisciplinary forum involving wound management experts from across the globe.

Over 130 institute members attended the inaugural meeting, bringing together people from 23 countries and 18 specialties in wound management.

Much of the meeting was devoted to setting collaborative and cross-functional projects in research, evidence, diagnosis and education, as well as in assessments of systemic and topical treatments for wound infection. These projects will have progressed well by the time of the Institute's second meeting in 2007. "I believe we can strengthen the scientific and educational basis of wound infection management to ultimately benefit patients," says Professor Harding.

The inaugural meeting of the Wound Infection Institute was supported by an unrestricted educational grant from Smith &

Nephew Wound Management. "Wouldn't it be great to say in a couple of years time that I was there when this body came together?" says Bill Allan, Global Vice President, Smith & Nephew. "A body that changed the face of the management of infected wounds."

News from the Corporate World

New from 3M Health Care: 3M™ Coban™ 2 Layer Compression System

3M Health Care is proud to introduce a low-profile, two-layer compression system that is easy to apply and that delivers seven days of sustained compression while being comfortable for patients to wear.

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