

*It is a pleasure to present to you
the October edition of the EWMA Journal
under the headline of our next conference:
“New Frontiers in Wound Management”*

Dear readers

This edition of the EWMA Journal is dedicated to our upcoming conference in 2018 which will be held in the historical city of Krakow, Poland. This conference is being organised together with the Polish Wound Management Association and under the theme “New Frontiers in Wound Management”. The focus will be on the importance of improved and continued education for nurses, physicians, physical therapists and other healthcare professionals engaged in wound management.

There is a need for a mix of wound care and wound management skills and knowledge among these professionals in order to improve the quality of wound care - a prerequisite for achieving best practices in wound management. Providing and improving education in wound management is thus an important pillar in the work of EWMA, which aims to improve and develop wound management in Europe.

Examples of current educational development activities in which EWMA is involved:

- 1) The elaboration of a series of European curricula for the post-registration qualification of nurses. With this project EWMA aims to provide a more standardized content baseline for the existing and future educational programmes targeting levels 5 to 7 of the European Qualifications Framework (EQF).
- 2) The elaboration of a curriculum for physicians with the aim of ensuring a sufficient level of expertise for physicians engaged in wound management. The objective is to provide efficient and safe treatment for wound care patients and their families. This curriculum was approved by the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS) in 2015.
- 3) The EWMA UCM (University Conference Model) programme which offers students from institutes of higher education across Europe the opportunity to take a part

of their academic studies in wound management whilst participating in the EWMA Conference.

In this issue, you will find some information about our upcoming conference, in addition to four scientific papers. One paper from Australia illustrates an innovative redesign and tailoring of moisture products to meet clinical and women’s needs within a maternity environment through collaboration between industry and clinicians. Another paper outlines how health care practitioners can advance their practice. The third paper is from our colleagues of the United States and highlights the impact of the changing health care climate on wound care. The final paper presents a meeting report of the “Core Outcome Set for Venous Leg Ulceration (CoreVen) project”. This report describes the project’s introduction, rationale, purpose, and progress to date as well as to gain feedback on the proposed methodology.

In this issue you will also find a chapter of the EWMA Negative Pressure Wound Therapy document (“Future Perspectives”).

Finally, you will find an article by one of the EWMA Cooperating Organisations, the Swiss Wound Care Association (German section) focusing on the recognition of wound care centres, in addition to news from other collaborating partner organisations of EWMA.

I hope you all enjoy this issue.

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