

2021 Wounds Canada National Conference

Connect, Collaborate, Co-create

Conference Goals and Session Objectives and Summaries

Conference Goals

1. Bring together local, national and international experts in the field of wound prevention and care
2. Assist practitioners to incorporate the most recent scientific evidence, technology and tools related to wound prevention and care into practice
3. Review and discuss the extent and quality of evidence surrounding the prevention and care of different types of wounds
4. Discuss practical, patient-centered, cost-effective approaches to wound prevention and care
5. Discuss the policy implications of wound care-related clinical decisions and vice-versa
6. Provide an avenue for communication and collaboration between practitioners, patients/families and industry

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Session #2

Panel Discussion: Closing the Gap on Pressure Injuries: Where Are We Now and Where Are We Going?

Confirmed presenters: Elizabeth Ayello, Alan Rogers, Vera Santos

Confirmed moderator: Jennifer White

Session Objectives

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Discuss the global prevalence and health-system burden of pressure injuries
2. Describe the current state of pressure injury prevention and management from a global perspective and identify novel approaches and modalities to pressure injury prevention and management
3. Discuss the challenges of and future directions for pressure injury prevention and management

Session Summary

Gain a global perspective on the current and future state of pressure injury prevention and management while learning about the importance of a multidisciplinary approach.

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Session #6

The Role of Mental Health in Managing Chronic Wounds.

Confirmed presenter: Stacey Coomber Stevens, Noha George

Confirmed moderator: Tracy Thiele

Session Objectives

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Describe the role and impact of mental health on persons living with chronic wounds
2. Discuss how to integrate mental health into the provision of wound care
3. Identify strategies to improve mental health in the field of wound care from the patient, provider and policy maker perspectives

Session Summary

Learn how to employ a multidisciplinary approach to integrate mental health into the field of wound care from the patient, provider and policy maker perspective.

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Session #8

Complex Wound Case Reviews: Gender Re-affirming Surgical Complications, Factitious Ulcers, and Life-altering Burns.

Confirmed presenters: Anthony Papp, Jaggi Rao, Heidi Wittenberg

Confirmed moderator: Pat Coutts

Session Objectives

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Use the Wound Prevention and Management Cycle to approach the assessment and management of complex wounds
2. Identify when a complex wound requires specialized care
3. Discuss the successes and challenges of managing complex wounds

Session Summary

Learn about how the Wound Prevention and Management Cycle is used to identify, assess and provide specialized care to complex wounds through the discussion of relevant case studies.

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Session #11

The Impact of COVID-19: Challenges, Solutions, and Future Trends in Wound Care.

Confirmed presenters: Christine Murphy, Katherine Piette

Confirmed moderator: Idevania Costa

Session Objectives

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Describe the challenges faced in the provision of wound care and the innovations arising during the COVID-19 pandemic
2. Discuss the positive and negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on wound care patients, caregivers and providers
3. Postulate how virtual care and other patient-centred strategies may be integrated into wound care moving forward

Session Summary

The impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the delivery of wound care are discussed, along with strategies for developing virtual care and patient-centred strategies for the future.

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Session #12

So Many Options, So Little Time: Dressing Selection Tips from the Experts.

Confirmed presenters: Amit Gefen, Gary Sibbald, Kevin Woo

Confirmed moderator: Kerstin Lewis

Session Objectives

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Identify the qualities of an “ideal wound dressing”
2. Describe how researchers evaluate the physical properties/biomechanical efficacy of wound dressings
3. Demonstrate a pragmatic approach to selecting wound dressings that meet the needs of patients and their wounds and that take into consideration environment and system factors
4. Use clinician enablers, like the Wounds Canada Product Pickers, to aid in dressing selection

Session Summary

The experts are here to provide you with their top tips for choosing the ideal wound dressing to meet the needs of patients and for using clinician enablers in the selection process.

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Session #13

The Future of Wound Care: Oral Poster Presentations.

Proposed presenters: Craig Delury, Joshua Moralejo, Muzammil H. Syed, Kevin Woo

Confirmed moderator: Laura Teague

Session Objective

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Describe research being done related to skin health and wound care on a local, provincial and national level

Session Summary

Stay up to date on the current and future state of research related to skin health and wound care on a local, provincial and national level at this informative session.

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Session #15

Panel Discussion: Sex, Gender, Ethnic, and Racial Disparities in Limb Salvage in North America.

Confirmed presenters: Virginie Blanchette, Ahmed Kayssi

Confirmed moderator: Ruth Thompson

Session Objectives

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Define the term “health disparity”
2. Examine the relationship between sex, gender, ethnicity and race and:
 - a. access to limb preservation services in North America; and,
 - b. patient outcomes (specific to limb preservation)
3. Identify strategies to address health and health-care disparities to improve the experience and outcomes of people at risk for non-traumatic lower limb amputation

Session Summary

Learn how to examine the relationship between sex, gender, ethnicity and race in accessing limb preservation services in North America, as well as how to identify strategies to address health and health-care disparities for patients.

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Session #19

Current and Emerging Treatments for People Living with Lower Limb Ulcers.

Confirmed presenters: Robert Fitridge, Deirdre O’Sullivan-Drombolis, Suzanne Stewart

Confirmed moderator: Jennifer Lindsay

Session Objectives

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Describe how an audible handheld Doppler can be utilized in place of a traditional ankle-brachial pressure index test to rule out significant peripheral arterial disease and to help guide treatment of venous ulcers
2. Discuss the role and impact of exercise on lower limb ulcer healing and pain management
3. Identify the indications for the surgical management of hard-to-heal venous, mixed and arterial ulcers

Session Summary

Learn about the role of exercise, surgical management and audible handheld Dopplers in treating lower limb ulcers as we discuss current and emerging multidisciplinary approaches to treatment.

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Session #21

The Continuum of Care: Improving Transitions of Patients with Wounds.

Confirmed presenters: Irmajean Bajnok, Liz Parfitt

Confirmed moderator: Lyndsay Orr

Session Objectives

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Identify the current gaps and challenges experienced by patients, families and clinicians as patients with wounds transition from pediatric to adult services and/or from one health-care setting/sector to another
2. Discuss potential strategies to improve the experience of patients with wounds and their families and clinicians as they transition from service to service or setting or sector
3. List the key factors that will enable a successful transition of care for a patient with a wound

Session Summary

How can we help patients with wounds successfully transition from one health-care setting to another? Hear about the current gaps and challenges experienced by patients, families and clinicians in order to develop successful multidisciplinary approaches for the future.

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Session #22

What Am I Looking At? Dermatological Conditions and Inflammatory Ulcers for Generalists.

Confirmed presenters: Laurie Parsons, Elena Pope

Confirmed moderator: Sheena Fortuna

Session Objective

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Identify and diagnose common dermatological conditions and inflammatory ulcers encountered by generalist clinicians

Session Summary

Learn how to identify and diagnose inflammatory ulcers and common dermatological conditions, such as skin cancer, and in this session aimed at generalist clinicians.

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Session #25

The Future of Wound Prevention and Care: Gene Therapy, Dermal Substitutes, Platelet-rich Plasma, 3-D Printing.

Confirmed presenters: Paul Gratzner, Marc Jeschke

Confirmed moderator: Corey Heerschap

Session Objectives

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Discuss the role of (and evidence for and accessibility to) new and emerging therapies like gene therapy, dermal substitutes, platelet-rich plasma and 3-D printing in the prevention and management of complex wounds
2. Identify the merits and pitfalls of advanced therapies in wound healing in Canada

Session Summary

Our panellists will discuss the merits and pitfalls of new and emerging therapies, such as gene therapy and 3-D printing, in wound prevention and care in Canada.

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Session #26

The Future of Wound Care: Oral Poster Presentations.

Proposed presenters: TBA

Confirmed moderator: Laura Teague

Session Objective

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Describe research being done related to skin health and wound care on a local, provincial, and national level

Session Summary

Stay up to date on the current and future state of research related to skin health and wound care on a local, provincial and national level at this informative session.

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Session #28

Panel Discussion: Improving Equitable Access to Quality Wound Prevention and Care in Canada.

Confirmed presenters: Catherine Phillips, Lubna Tirmizi

Confirmed Moderator: Maria Becerra Gomez

Session Objectives

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Discuss the inequities and level of awareness of the current state of wound care in Canada
2. Identify the necessary changes required to achieve equity in wound care in Canada, from a systems perspective
3. Evaluate the challenges and roadblocks from patient, provider and systems perspectives on the road to equity in wound care in Canada

Session Summary

How can we make wound care in Canada more accessible and equitable? First, we'll identify the necessary changes and evaluate challenges and roadblocks from a patient, provider and systems perspective.

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Session #32

New and Emerging Trends in Diabetic Foot Ulcer Prevention and Treatment.

Confirmed presenter: Joon Pio Hong

Confirmed moderator: Perry Mayer

Session Objectives

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Describe new and emerging strategies and therapies to prevent and treat foot ulcers in people living with diabetes
2. Discuss the integration of virtual care and patient voices into diabetic foot ulcer prevention and treatment pathways

Session Summary

What trends are emerging in diabetic foot ulcer prevention and treatment, and how can we integrate virtual care and patient voices into our pathways? Find out from our panellist.

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Session #34

Practical Solutions to Malnutrition in Wound Prevention and Care.

Confirmed presenter: Maria Weatherbee

Confirmed moderator: Ellen Mckay

Session Objectives

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Identify pragmatic strategies to address malnutrition in people living with or at risk for wounds
2. Describe the role of technology and social media in improving nutrition in this population

Session Summary

What pragmatic strategies, including technology and social media, can we use to identify and address malnutrition in people living with or at risk for wounds and improve their outcomes?

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Session #37

Promoting Autonomy, Empowerment and Self-Management in Patients with Wounds.

Confirmed presenters: Idevania Costa, Kristen Jones-Bonofiglio

Confirmed moderator: Michelle-Marie Spadoni

Session Objectives

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Examine the role of autonomy and rights of an individual in decision making and self-management
2. Describe the concepts, dimensions and outcomes of patient empowerment
3. Identify barriers and solutions to patient engagement in self-management of complex wounds

Session Summary

Let's talk about engaging and empowering patients in the self-management of complex wounds. The role of autonomy and rights of an individual in decision making and self-management will be discussed, along with barriers and solutions.

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Session #38

What Would You Do? Complex Wound Case Reviews

Confirmed presenter: Alan Rogers

Confirmed moderator: Susan Chandler

Session Objectives

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Use the Wound Prevention and Management Cycle to approach the assessment and management of complex wounds
2. Identify when a complex wound requires specialized care
3. Discuss the successes and challenges of managing complex wounds

Session Summary

These case reviews will guide participants in using the Wound Prevention and Management Cycle to assess and manage complex wounds, including identifying when specialized care is required.

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Session #39

Tips from the Experts: The Management of Frostbite, Scars and Use of Topical Wound Preparations.

Confirmed presenters: Michael Brandt, Josianne Gauthier, Alexander Poole

Confirmed moderator: Stephanie Chadwick

Session Objectives

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Use the Wound Prevention and Management Cycle to approach the assessment and management of severe frostbite injuries
2. Identify strategies to prevent and treat complex scars
3. Identify when a frostbite injury or complex scar requires specialized care
4. Discuss the successes and challenges of managing frostbite injuries and complex scars
5. Discuss the utilization of topical wound preparations in wound treatment

Session Summary

The experts use case studies to walk you through the Wound Prevention and Management Cycle for frostbite injuries and complex scars, including utilizing topical wound preparations and identifying when specialized care is needed.