



Media Backgrounder: Canadian Association of Wound Care

TORONTO – CAWC Overview

The Canadian Association of Wound Care (CAWC), founded in 1995, is a non-profit organization of healthcare professionals, industry participants, patients and caregivers dedicated to the advancement of wound care in Canada.

The Organization co-ordinates a collaborative, interprofessional effort among individuals and organizations involved with wound caring. The association's efforts are focused on five key areas:

- public policy
- clinical practice
- education
- research
- working with the international wound care community.

The CAWC works to significantly improve patient care, clinical outcomes and the professional satisfaction of wound care clinicians.

Objectives

The CAWC facilitates care for individuals suffering from wounds by:

- promoting improved management of wound care through evidence-based clinical practice, education, public policy and research initiatives
- linking community groups with national and international forums for the exchange of knowledge pertaining to the practice of wound care
- stimulating investigation, research and education for both patients and care providers
- disseminating knowledge relating to wound care through lectureships, seminars, scholarships and similar vehicles

The CAWC addresses these objectives by producing its annual conference, providing regional programs (including bilingual) to support knowledge and skill development in skin and wound care, maintaining an interactive CAWC Web site, publishing an electronic quarterly newsletter as well as Wound Care Canada, the official publication of the CAWC, and by facilitating communication between all parties interested in wound care.

In addition, CAWC goals include:

- Standardization - enhancing consistency and co-ordination of wound care across the Canadian healthcare continuum
- Awareness - promoting awareness regarding wounds as a significant health problem
- Evidence-Based Practice - enhancing the scientific rigour of wound research and promoting valid professional standards for wound care
- Defining the Issues - promoting awareness of the impact of the changing health-care environment on wound care
- Globalization - encouraging co-operation between the CAWC and other international, national and regional associations and groups involved in wound care

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