

LWMA Lithuanian Wound Management Association

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Annual Meeting of the Lithuanian Wound Management Association

The annual meeting of the Lithuanian Wound Management Association on the theme of "Wound Infection" was held in Kaunas University of Medicine on the 6th of April, 2007. The subject of the conference attracted more than 250 participants from various specialties – plastic and trauma surgeons, out-patient and primary care doctors, specialists in medical microbiology and experts in public health. Numerous experts discussed the criteria for identification of infection and methods of treatment together with the features of infection in different types of wounds – burns, chronic ulcers, diabetic ulcers, pressure sores, and acute wounds.

The key-note lecture "Diagnosis and topical management of wound infection" was delivered by invited guest speaker Dr. Keith Cutting from Buckinghamshire Chilterns University College in the UK. Professor Rytis Rimdeika, president of the Lithuanian Wound Management Association, gave an introduction to the EWMA position documents "Identifying Criteria for Wound Infection" (2005) and "Management of Wound Infection" (2006). These documents were discussed by the participants and widely accepted as valuable instruments in clinical practice.

During the conference, the concepts of wound contamination, critical colonization and infection were examined and discussed. Specialists in medical microbiology presented the basic techniques and innovations in identification of microorganisms while specialists in public health introduced and discussed nosocomial infections and the prevention of resistance in microorganisms. In conclusion the conference established recommendations for the local treatment of wounds.

Numerous exhibitors placed their stands in the exhibition area. Innovations in wound care products were presented by major medical companies including ConvaTec, 3M, Mölnlycke, Coloplast, Johnson & Johnson, Gedeon Richter, Egis, Servier, local medical distributors (Tamro, Oriola, and Orivas) and local manufacturers.

The board of the Lithuanian Wound Management Association decided to assign the closest future annual meetings to discussion of EWMA position documents.

The organisers of the conference would like to thank ConvaTec, general sponsor of the conference, and extend special thanks to the invited guest speaker Dr. Keith Cutting.

*Key-note speakers of
the conference (from the left):
Prof. R. Rimdeika,
Dr. K. Cutting,
Dr. A. Vitkauskiene,
Dr. R. Grigaitė,
Prof. V. Pilvinis,
Dr. V. Kaikaris*





At the general sponsor's stand:
 Head of ConvaTec Lithuanian office
 Dr. R. Daunoraviciene,
 invited lecturer Dr. K. Cutting,
 President of LWMA Prof. R. Rimdeika



Good cheer in the Coloplast stand...



... and in the Orivas stand.