

# NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TISSUE VIABILITY NURSES (SCOTLAND)

The National Association of Tissue Viability Nurses (Scotland) was established in the early 1990's by the first couple of Tissue Viability Nurses who were appointed in Scotland. Since then the number of members has steadily increased. The group meets four times a year and provides an opportunity for members to network, to share ideas and to discuss ways to improve patient care. The group is very pro-active and have created various documents such as the Tissue Viability Competency Framework, Skin Excoriation tool and a Wound Assessment Chart. All these documents can be downloaded from our website [www.natvns.com](http://www.natvns.com)

The National Association of Tissue Viability Nurse Specialists (Scotland) continues to be a proactive group and the past year has seen our members involved in several projects.

The work of the wound debridement sub-group, in collaboration with Stirling University, has resulted in the first Scottish wound debridement course which will be held in Stirling University during January 2007.

The wound assessment form will be included in a development from the Scottish Executive. It is their intention to publish the form as a clinical template, which will allow all areas of Scotland to have access to it.

Work on the mentorship framework is progressing with a sub group working on the implementation of the competency framework.

Production of the best practice statement on the treatment of pressure ulcers and review of the best practice statement on prevention of pressure ulcers.

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The Best Purchasing Initiative has evolved over the past year into National Procurement (NP). Our members are working closely with National Procurement in relation to specialist equipment and wound management products. The next year will be a challenge for the association as the work on projects continues. Our involvement with National Procurement will include many of our members who will work tirelessly to ensure the products which are in the final selection allow clinicians across Scotland to be able to choose the care that individual patients require.

An exciting opportunity has arisen to collaborate with the European Wound Management Association (EWMA) during the next year to help organize their conference to be held in Glasgow in May 2007.

Ultimately the work of the NATVNS is about establishing and maintaining high standards of patient care. I am sure our members will continue to work together to achieve this aim.

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(Amended chair persons report)

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