

## ABOUT TVS

The Tissue Viability Society (TVS) is probably the world's oldest society dedicated to all tissue viability issues. Formed in 1981 and a UK registered charity since 1996 the Society attracts members from all health care professions involved with tissue viability.

Our mission statement includes our goals – *to disseminate information, promote research and increase awareness of all aspects of good clinical practice in wound prevention and management* – essentially we want to provide expertise in wound management.

What is tissue viability?

This is a growing speciality that primarily considers all aspects of skin and soft tissue wounds including acute surgical wounds, pressure ulcers and all forms of leg ulceration. However tissue viability is not just wound management for it also covers a wide range of organisational, political and socioeconomic issues as well as professional relationships and education.

The Tissue Viability Society has over 1500 members drawn from the various professions involved in tissue viability; primarily nurses but with many doctors, engineers, scientists, pharmacists, podiatrists and other professions also represented. There is a Council elected by members who serve to guide the strategic direction of the Society and a Business Office and Professional Adviser to conduct the day-to-day actions of the Society.

Please visit [www.tvs.org.uk](http://www.tvs.org.uk) to find out more details of the Society and its activities.



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There was considerable disappointment among Tissue Viability Society members and supporters that the one-day symposium on wound inflammation scheduled for late October 2006 had to be cancelled due to the low number of delegates who booked places! The shortage of delegates was probably a direct consequence of the low profile of the meeting where the event organizers did not reach out to non-TVS members. The Trustees of the TVS would like to thank all those who did book places and especially note the support given by the companies who booked exhibition space.

In 2007 there will be no separate Tissue Viability Society conference with the TVS partnering with the European Wound Management Association at the EWMA conference to be held in early May in Glasgow. The AGM of the TVS will be held during the Glasgow meeting and we look forward to welcoming members at the TVS stand during the EWMA event. There will be a TVS conference in the spring of 2008 and future society news will bring details of this forthcoming event.

The TVS will be issuing monthly updates of its activities through an electronic newsletter. Members and non-members alike can sign up to receive this communication at the TVS web-site [www.tvs.org.uk](http://www.tvs.org.uk)

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