



NEWSLETTER

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EWMA University Conference Model (UCM)



Bring your students to a whole new level!
The EWMA Conference offers a unique setting for learning, which international wound care specialists, studying post-graduate qualifications in wound management at universities all over Europe, use each year as part of the curriculum while engaging in a network of peers.
Read more about the EWMA UCM [here](#) or contact the [EWMA Secretariat](#)

Wound courses endorsed by EWMA

EWMA 2017 Conference in Amsterdam, the Netherlands

The 27th Conference of the European Wound Management Association (EWMA 2017) will take place 3-5 May 2017 in the city of Amsterdam, the Netherlands and is organised in cooperation with WCS Knowledge Centre Wound Care.

The EWMA 2017 conference programme looks very promising. A high number of abstracts has been submitted from all around the world and will contribute to an outstanding scientific content.

The conference programme is in English with simultaneous translation of a large number of sessions into Dutch. In addition, the conference will feature a two day stream with sessions in Dutch.

This year's conference will welcome a large number exhibiting companies. A list of confirmed exhibitors can be [found here](#).

The EWMA 2017 conference theme is:

"CHANGE, OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES - WOUND MANAGEMENT IN CHANGING HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS"

Within this overall theme, the conference will focus on the continuous change and reorganising of national healthcare systems in Europe in order to adapt and respond to changing demographics and budget restrictions. Another focus area will be the new wound management technologies which are emerging rapidly; providing new methods and means of treatment and organisation. This defines the context in which wound healing and wound carers must navigate to provide the best possible treatment for the individual patient.

This topic will be highlighted in a number of key sessions, full day symposia, free paper sessions, focus sessions and guest sessions.

Registration is now open

[Register Now](#)

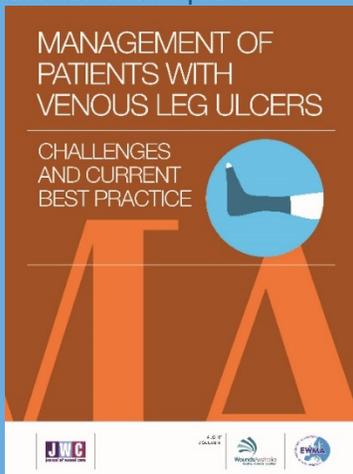
The preliminary programme for EWMA 2017 congress is now available online [here](#)



As part of EWMA's aim to identify high standard education programmes for health care professionals, we offer the possibility to have wound management courses endorsed by EWMA.

For more information go to the [EWMA website](#) or contact the [EWMA Secretariat](#)

Management of patients with venous leg ulcers - challenges and current best practice



A printed copy of the document will be sent to EWMA members together with the EWMA Journal in December 2016. You can also download the document from www.ewma.org



Find more information about the conference and the programme at the [conference website](#)

Call for Nominations for EWMA Council Election 2017

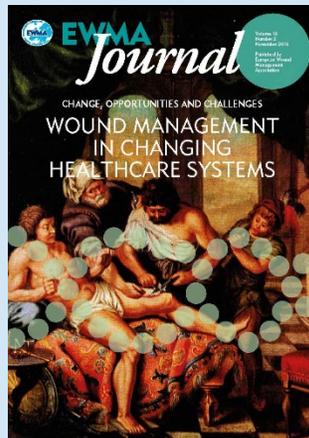
If you are considering standing for election for the EWMA Council in 2017, further information about your opportunities to do so is listed [here](#)

EWMA Journal

Read the latest version of the EWMA Journal!

The November 2016 issue offers a range of Scientific articles as well as updates and information about current activities of EWMA and our national and international partner organisations.

[Find the latest and previous issues of the EWMA journal here](#)



Interested in submitting an article? [Read more about the author guidelines here](#)

Interested in advertising in the EWMA Journal? [Find more information here](#)

Deadline for submissions for the Spring 2017 issue of EWMA Journal is 1 February 2017.

EWMA Projects & Activities

Publications

EWMA Document: Negative pressure wound therapy - Overview, challenges and perspectives

The new EWMA document on NPWT will be published as an online supplement to the January/February issue of Journal of Wound Care. The document provides an overview of the evidence base for the use of NPWT in wound treatment and covers all three types of NPWT: On open wounds, with instillation and over closed incisions. The document also focuses on the organisational and health economical aspects of NPWT.

It will be available for free download via www.ewma.org

The document will also be presented in a key session during the EWMA 2017 Conference.

Document on the use of oxygen therapies in wound care

The vision and concrete plans for this document were presented at a Key Session during the EWMA 2016 Bremen conference. The abstracts are available via the [EWMA Conference Knowledge website](#)

Publication of the document is planned for Spring 2017 and the document launch is expected to take place during the EWMA 2017 Conference in Amsterdam.

EWMA Study Recommendations: New joint IWGDF-EWMA publication

In 2014 EWMA published the document "*EWMA study recommendations - for clinical investigations in leg ulcers and wound care*". In September this year, a second publication focusing on diabetic foot studies was published by the International Working Group of the Diabetic Foot (IWGDF) in collaboration with EWMA. The title of the new publication is "*Reporting standards of studies and papers on the prevention and management of foot ulcers in diabetes: required details and markers of good quality*".

[Read more and download](#)

New document in pipeline: Preventing and managing surgical site infections across health care sectors

EWMA has decided to focus on the prevention and management of surgical site infections (SSI) in hospitals as well as community care. The project will be based on broad interdisciplinary collaboration. The document is planned for publication in Spring 2018.

[Read more](#)

New document in pipeline: Advanced therapies in wound care

Advanced therapies are expected to be increasingly used in the treatment of wounds, however, little overview of the different treatment modalities and evidence of their efficacy exists. To meet an increasing demand for this overview, EWMA is now developing a document on the topic. The document will be based on the available literature as well as expert opinions on the application of advanced therapies and call for research in recommended areas.

The document is expected to be published in Spring 2018. A key session on the topic will be held during the EWMA 2017 Conference in

Amsterdam.

[Read more](#)

Education

European curricula for undergraduate and post-registration qualification of nurses

Ensuring updated and high quality education in wound management of all professional nurses is a key objective of EWMA. For this reason EWMA is currently working on two projects aiming to support the development and implementation of common European curricula for wound management education of nurses:

[The EWMA teacher network](#) is currently working on a Pan-European survey aiming to create an overview of the current status on undergraduate education in wound management. The results of this survey will eventually be used as a basis for defining a standard wound management curriculum for use in undergraduate nurse education.

Since the vocational qualifications in Europe are not all at the same level, EWMA is working on a [curriculum for post registration qualification of nurses](#). Two different Curricula Qualification levels are under development. A curriculum covering level 5 EQF has almost been finalised, while level 6 is expected to be finalised at the beginning of 2017. EQF Level 7 will be initiated at a later stage.

Programmes & projects

Antimicrobial Stewardship Programme

A Position Paper by the British Society for Antimicrobial Chemotherapy and EWMA was published in Journal of Antimicrobial Chemotherapy in July 2016.

This paper is aimed at providing clinicians an understanding of:

- The basic principles of why antimicrobial stewardship (AMS) is important in caring for patients with infected wounds
- Who should be involved in AMS
- How to conduct AMS for patients with infected wounds.

[Download the paper free of charge via Journal of Antimicrobial Chemotherapy](#)

SWAN-iCare

The SWAN-iCare project is now progressing into its final phase. The complete system is developed and a clinical feasibility study planned to take place under the coordination of the University of Pisa, Italy by early 2017.



SWAN iCare

SWAN-iCare is partially funded under the seventh research and innovation framework programme FP7 by the European Commission

Advocacy

Joint EPUAP & EWMA PU prevention & patient safety advocacy project

EPUAP and EWMA have established a joint engagement in the pressure ulcer prevention and patient safety agendas at European level as well as at national level in selected European countries.

[Read more](#)

EWMA partner in Wound Care campaign, The Guardian, UK

We recently partnered with Mediaplanet on the 2016 Wound Care campaign featured in the Guardian newspaper and online [here](#)

Read all about the importance of wound care and management
#woundcare #health #awareness

EWMA representative in the UEMS Thematic Federation on Wound Healing

EWMA has been approved to appoint an observer member of the UEMS Thematic Federation on Wound Healing.

EWMA considers this a valuable opportunity with regards to supporting the implementation of a curriculum on wound healing for physicians across Europe.

EWMA highly appreciates the work of the EWMA Liaisons Officer, Robert Strohal, Austria, who worked hard to establish the thematic federation on wound healing and ensure the involvement of EWMA in this work. Robert Strohal has been elected by the group as President.

[UEMS](#)

EWMA Conference in 2018

The 28th EWMA Conference will take place from 9-11 May 2018 in Krakow, Poland in collaboration with the Polish Wound Management Association (PWMA).

The theme of the conference is:

TIME for KRAKOW - Towards Integrated Medical Education for the sake of the patients

We look forward to see you in Krakow in 2018.



EWMA 2018
9-11 MAY 2018 - KRAKOW, POLAND



Further details to follow [here](#)

On behalf of the EWMA Council, I wish you all a wonderful Christmas holiday and a happy New Year!

Kind regards,
Severin Läuchli,
EWMA President

News from the Industry

COLOPLAST

[Coloplast is completing the Biatain Silicone range with new sizes and shapes](#)

[Coloplast re-launches legacy hydrocolloid brand Comfeel Plus in 2017](#)

SastoMed

[Expert consensus on practical aspects of wound therapy with hemoglobin spray](#)

URGO

[Reduce healing time of your patients suffering from venous leg ulcers, pressure ulcers and diabetic foot ulcers](#)

ZORFLEX

[Zorflex® named most innovative dressing runner up in new awards](#)

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