



# NEWSLETTER

## Winter 2014

### IN THIS ISSUE

[EWMA CONFERENCE 2015](#)

[EWMA EDUCATION](#)

[CURRENT & FUTURE PROJECTS](#)

[ANTIMICROBIAL ACTIVITIES](#)

[OTHER PROJECTS](#)

[ADVOCACY](#)

[NEWS FROM SPONSORS](#)

[HAPPY HOLIDAYS](#)

**EWMA JOURNAL, OCTOBER 2014:**  
[AVAILABLE ONLINE HERE](#)



**Interested in submitting an article or advertising in the EWMA Journal?**

The next issue will be published in April 2015. Please contact the EWMA Secretariat at [ewma@ewma.org](mailto:ewma@ewma.org) for more information.

### EWMA CONFERENCE 2015

The EWMA 2015 Conference in London looks very promising and will most likely be one of the biggest and most exciting in EWMA history. A very high number of abstracts has been submitted from all around the world and will contribute to an outstanding scientific program. The exhibition has already now exceeded anything previously seen at a EWMA conference, and there has never before been so many good reasons to actively participate in the conference.

The conference theme in London is "Wound Care – Shaping the future: A patient, professional, provider and payer perspective". From the opening session on 13th May and throughout the many key sessions, day symposia, free paper and guest sessions on the following two days, the main focus will be on the importance of collaboration between these four perspectives to facilitate good practice and provide continuity of care.

Among the highlights will be a full-day symposium on eHealth and a joint afternoon-symposium between the British Society for Antimicrobial Chemotherapy and EWMA on antimicrobials and antimicrobial resistance. There will be key sessions on palliative care, hard-to-heal wounds, pressure ulcer risk assessment, patients' quality of life when living with a non-healing wound, and leg ulcers. The latter will also introduce EWMA's coming Leg Ulcer Guidance Document.

Don't miss out on this chance to exchange knowledge and experience with international colleagues and friends in one of the most vibrant cities in Europe.

Registration for the conference is now open

[Register](#)

Find more information about the conference and the programme on [www.ewma2015.org](http://www.ewma2015.org).

The deadline for contributions to the April issue is **15 January 2015**.

**GET YOUR WOUND COURSES ENDORSED BY EWMA!**



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, you can go to the EWMA website or contact the EWMA Secretariat

FIND THE LATEST NEWS ABOUT EWMA INVOLVEMENT IN EU-FUNDED PROJECTS



## EWMA EDUCATION

### EWMA University Conference Model (UCM)

Since 2007, the EWMA University Conference Model (UCM) has been a regular activity at the EWMA Conferences. Next year in London, an international group of students from Austria, Belgium, Portugal, Switzerland, United Kingdom, and more will once again use the conference as a unique setting for learning as part of their curriculum.

It is still possible to join the 2015 programme. Read more about the EWMA UCM here or contact the EWMA Secretariat.

The opportunity of participating in the EWMA UCM is available to all teaching institutions with wound management courses for health professionals.

[Back to the top](#)

## CURRENT & FUTURE EWMA PROJECTS

### Guidance document on eHealth in wound care

This document will provide an overview of commonly used terminology and currently prevailing eHealth technology. The document will highlight main aspects to be considered when implementing telemedicine in daily clinical practice and undertaking research within this field.

The document will be published in May 2015.

Read more about the document here.

### Leg ulcer guidance document

The objective of this project is to produce a practical guidance document on leg ulcer treatment that may be applicable within different clinical settings for leg ulcer treatment in Europe and other parts of the world.

The project will be initiated at the beginning of 2015.

Read more about the project here.

### Document on Negative Pressure Wound Therapy (NPWT)

The document will gather evidence and best practices for the use of NPWT. In addition, it will explore health economic aspects, cross-sector use, and digital health perspectives.

The project will be initiated at the beginning of 2015.

Read more about the project here.

## Home Care-Wound Care UK

EWMA aims to ensure that modern, advanced wound care is provided in the community and home care sectors, and thus advocates appropriate skills, knowledge, and level of education of care providers.

Based on the recommendations provided in the Home Care-Wound Care document, published in May 2014, EWMA is initiating the development of a guidance document with experience- and evidence-based recommendations for wound care in home and community care in the UK.

The work to involve relevant organisations, institutions, and universities is currently in progress.

Read more about it [here](#).

## EWMA'S INITIATIVES RELATED TO ANTIMICROBIALS AND ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE

Within the past couple of years, EWMA has increased its attention on the use of antimicrobial agents in wound management. A number of initiatives such as the publication of the EWMA Document "[Antimicrobials and Non-healing Wounds](#)" have been successfully accomplished. More projects have been launched and new ideas are in progress:

- A EWMA Committee on Antimicrobials and Antimicrobial Resistance (AAMR) has been established
- One of the AAMR Committee's core objectives for 2015 is to start up EWMA's Antimicrobial Stewardship programme for wound care
- One of the aims for the stewardship programme is to publish antimicrobial treatment recommendations
- In collaboration with the British Society for Antimicrobial Chemotherapy a Symposium on Antimicrobial Resistance and its Impact on Wound Care Practice will take place 14 May during the EWMA 2015 Conference in London  
Read more about the different initiatives [here](#).

[Back to the top](#)

## ADVOCACY

### Chronic Disease Joint Action (CHRODIS-JA)

EWMA is a collaborating partner in the Joint Action on Chronic Disease, work package 7 (wp7): "Diabetes – a case study on strengthening health care for people with chronic diseases." During the fall of 2014, the Task Force on wp7 has prepared and sent out a questionnaire for national administrations and healthcare professionals. The questionnaire focuses on the existence and use of National Guidelines for Diabetes Prevention. EWMA has contributed to the process by voicing the need for a focus on National Guidelines regarding diabetic complications, such as the diabetic foot syndrome.

## OTHER PROJECTS

### **Nordic Diabetic Foot Task Force**

The Nordic Diabetic Foot Task Force, which was initiated in cooperation between EWMA and the International Working Group on the Diabetic Foot (IWGDF) held its first biennial symposium in Malmö, Sweden, 5-6 November 2014. The symposium attracted over 200 participants, representing a truly multidisciplinary mix of experts and patients within the field.

The symposium aimed to enhance cross-disciplinary learning and to involve participants in drafting national strategies towards the implementation of guidelines in each of the five Nordic countries.

Based on draft strategies the next step in the implementation of the guidelines will be for each of the National Working Groups to put the strategies into practice.



The Nordic Diabetic Foot Steering Committee: Tómas Þór Ágústsson, Iceland; Klaus Kirketerp-Møller, Denmark; Magnus Löndahl, Sweden; Tore Julsrud Berg, Norway; Vesa Juutilainen, Finland; Jan Apelqvist (EWMA Immediate Past President) & Henrik J. Nielsen (Director EWMA Secretariat)

### **NEWS FROM OUR CORPORATE SPONSORS**

#### **Free webinar**

Mölnlycke Health Care is supporting the new guidelines for Pressure Ulcer Prevention. Please join our webinar Proof Into Practice - Pressure Ulcer Prevention Pathway, featuring Dr. Joyce Black, RN, PhD, Prof. Amit Gefen, BSc, MSc, PhD, Nick Santamaria, RN, RPN, BAppSc, and Grad Dip Health ED, MEd St, PhD.

#### **Most Innovative Product 2014**

Smith & Nephew announced that PICO, a single use, canister-free Negative Pressure Wound Therapy system has been named Most Innovative Product 2014 at the Irish Medical and Surgical Trade Association (IMSTA) medical technology awards in Dublin, Ireland.

#### **Since 15 years, TLC gets things moving in wound healing!**

With its mission to improve wound care and patients quality of life, URGO Medical developed TLC Healing Matrix, a ground-breaking technology in wound care.

### **HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

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

Kind regards,  
Salla Seppänen  
EWMA President

[Back to the top](#)