

Managing Wounds as a Team – Exploring the concept of a Team Approach to Wound Care



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The World Health Organisation argues that a group of professionals who actively bring the skills of different individuals together with the aim of clearly addressing the health care needs of patients and the community will strengthen the health system and lead to improved clinical and health-related outcomes. Indeed, a number of systematic reviews have noted a positive impact from the use of interdisciplinary interventions for chronic diseases such as heart failure or mental illness, and in individuals at risk of poor nutrition. However, when it comes to wound care, available evidence for the team approach is fragmented. This project, which explores the concept of a team approach to wound care, was conceptualised in the context of this background.

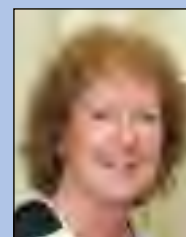
In this document, AAWC, AWMA, and EWMA focus on the development of a universal model for the adoption of a team approach to wound care. To achieve this goal the document explores existing evidence for the team approach to wound care and discusses the barriers and facilitators for a successful team approach to wound care.

“Managing Wounds as a Team” is for everyone involved in wound care – from carers to decision makers.

KEY SESSION AT EWMA-GNEAUPP 2014 CONFERENCE

This spring, the author group will be busy presenting their work and they are proud to invite you to take part in a Key Session that is entirely focused on the team approach to wound care, during which the findings of the project will be presented. The Key Session will be held on Thursday 15 May, 16:55-17:55 at the EWMA-GNEAUPP Conference in Madrid.

In addition, the document will be presented at several other international conferences including ICIC 14, Brussels, Belgium; AAWC Spring, Orlando, USA; AWMA 2014, Gold Coast, Australia; and EFFORT 2014, London, UK. ■



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