

News from the Francophone Nurses Association in Stoma Therapy, Healing and Wounds (AFISCeP.be)

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Presentation

AFISCeP.be was born from the fusion of two asbl: the ABISCEP (Belgian Association of enterostomy therapists nurses, healing and wounds) and ARIAS (Association for the research of information and assistance in enterostomal therapy). It is a non-profit organisation with no lucrative ambition.

AFISCeP.be is concerned with the care of stomas and wounds and wound healing, as well as the care for patients with urinary and faecal incontinence. It serves nurses, specialized or not, who are involved in the field of enterostomal therapy, the care of wounds and incontinence, and ensures the protection and defence of that field. In addition, it is actively committed to the recognition of the title of nurse specialized in enterostomal therapy and care of wounds.

AFISCeP.be works with the essential aim of offering quality care to the patients which are entrusted to its service.

To achieve its objectives, the association organizes an annual congress in the first quarter of each year and an annual seminary in October. The seminary makes it possible to focus on one topic or subject in depth, with a more restricted public on the geographical level. Another annual congress with the topic of "the care of wounds" is organized in partnership with the CNC, with whom it formed the BEFEWO in 2007.

The association also organizes the development and training of "enterostomal therapist nurses", as well as the inherent retraining in this specialization. This role will always evolve as from 2010, in order to answer to the Belgian ministerial

criteria, the training will be longer, and will include the Care of Wounds.

AFISCeP.be develops methods and procedures to update the knowledge and aptitudes of the people receiving care at home and also the experience and knowledge of hospitals and students involved in this area of medicine. The organisation also took part in the creation of a European Referential Competences in Care Male Nurses.

In addition the AFISCeP publishes a magazine twice a year, in June and December. A useful educational tool, it allows the dissemination of information specific to the profession.

In all this information the patients are not forgotten: The AFISCeP produces explanatory booklets in order to familiarize patients with the disease and the care procedures which result from this. The Association defends the patients' rights in conjunction with the organization's insurers and the INAMI.

AFISCeP.be has its own web site with a large amount of interesting and relevant information on its pages: www.afiscep.be.

If you are interested, the website has loads of interesting information and you can learn more about the association, its procedures and its work.

The annual subscription amounts to €20.

The association is offering the advantage of a preferential membership rate during the congress and subscription to the magazine.