

News from the Tissue Viability Society (TVS)

The UK Tissue Viability Society (TVS) is one of the oldest wound healing and prevention membership organisations worldwide having been formed back in 1981. With over 1.000 members the TVS remains a strong and vibrant national wound organisation after twenty-seven years growth.

The TVS has since its inception published a wound journal initially called Care – Science and Practice and since 1990 the Journal of Tissue Viability. This publication was we believe the first dedicated wound publication to be listed on electronic databases such as MEDLINE and is now published by Elsevier Ltd bringing excellence in academic publishing to the title. The editorial board of the Journal of Tissue Viability brings together experts from the UK, the rest of Europe, North America and Japan to ensure the content of the Journal is of a consistently high standard and future highlights within the Journal of Tissue Viability include several papers discussing a major population based wound audit conducted across an entire city in the north of England. These papers will provide a wealth of detail upon the epidemiology of acute and chronic wounds and their management.

Another key activity for the TVS is the hosting of an annual national conference on wound healing. For many years the TVS organized two national conferences each year! This heightened level of conference organization matched the needs of the UK wound healers given the then lack of alternative events where wound healing and prevention were discussed. Since 1998 the TVS has focused upon a single annual conference held in the Spring of each year. These events bring together UK national speakers along with presenters drawn from the EPUAP and EWMA. With around 400 delegates and 40 exhibiting companies the annual TVS conference is a major part of the UK wound healing year – in 2009 the conference will be held in Llandudno in North Wales over the 27th and 28th of April and will feature

presenters from Israel and North America along with well known European speakers.

Full details of the TVS and its activities can always be accessed through our web-site at www.TVS.org.uk. This web-site is currently being explored with a view to significant updating of the site in time for our 2009 conference in April 2009. Until such time the current web-site provides details of the 2009 conference and takes potential delegates to a registration page. Past issues of the Society Journal of Tissue Viability are available (Volumes 1 through 3) and the new web-site will bring all back issues to members.

The TVS is managed as a UK registered charity and is in full compliance with the strict UK Charity Commission requirements. With around 15 Trustees and a part-time executive officer the TVS is managed on a day-to-day basis from an office in Cardiff, Wales and contact with the TVS is best made through the contact us function on the TVS web-site.