

Tissue Viability Society

The Tissue Viability Society was formed as a national UK organisation in 1981 and became a registered charity in 1994. The original aim of the Society was to act as a multi-professional society bringing together all those with interests in wound prevention and treatment, this goal remains our aim today almost thirty years later. The TVS is a membership organisation with about 1000 members who pay either £30 (EU members) or £40 (non EU members) each year. The TVS is managed by a group of 15 Trustees each serving three years as a Trustee with a part-time consultant acting as the Professional Adviser.

Since 1981 the TVS has published a scientific journal – from 1981 to 1990 this was called *Care – Science and Practice*. From 1990 the title changed to the *Journal of Tissue Viability*. This was the first wound related journal to be listed on MEDLINE and is today published quarterly by Elsevier. The Journal is readily available through library and individual subscriptions and all members receive a copy of each issue. The Journal of Tissue Viability has an international editorial board bringing expertise from Europe, America and Japan to the development of the title. A special issue in spring 2010 will focus upon the latest initiatives in bioengineering related to wound healing reflecting the multi-professional nature of the Journal and the TVS.

Each year the TVS organises a national conference dedicated to wound prevention and treatment. In 2010 this meeting will take place in Telford, UK over the 13th and 14th of April with speakers drawn from across Europe. The title and theme of the conference will be 'Looking at things differently: Collaboration, evidence and innovation for practice'.

EWMA members can keep abreast of the TVS and its actions through our website at www.tvs.org.uk. This site was relaunched in May 2009 to provide our members with an enhanced library of resources including wound images and past issues of the *Journal of Tissue Viability*.

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