

# About:



**The European  
Wound Management  
Association**

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*‘Non-healing wounds affect 4 million European citizens every year. EWMA works to secure the best prevention and treatment of wounds to all Europeans at risk’.*

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## WHAT IS EWMA?

The European Wound Management Association (EWMA) is a European umbrella organisation that links wound management organisations, individuals and groups with an interest in wound care.

EWMA is an important player in European and international wound care.

Key activities include the annual EWMA conference, advocacy activities targeting the European Commission and other European institutions, the dissemination of best practice guidance and supporting up-to-date education for wound care professionals.

EWMA was founded in 1991. Through its collaboration with 53 national wound management associations across Europe, EWMA today cooperates with more than 25,000 health care professionals working with patients suffering from acute and non-healing wounds.

EWMA is a not-for-profit charity registered by the British Charity Commission (Charity No. 1042404).

All activities of the organisation are overseen by the EWMA Council, whose members are actively involved in EWMA's activities via participation in committees and working groups.

## EWMA OBJECTIVES

EWMA works to improve the quality of life of patients with wounds and advocates for high quality and cost-effective treatment from a multidisciplinary point of view. We work to reach our objectives by serving as an educational resource for health care professionals working with wound care and prevention. We organise conferences, contribute to international projects related to wound management, actively support the implementation of existing knowledge and provide information on all aspects of wound management.

EWMA strives to be the organisation that patients, professionals, governments, health services, education institutions and citizens in general come to for advice, expertise and opinions about wound care in Europe.

## EWMA WORKS TO ACHIEVE THE FOLLOWING GOALS:

- Promote a multidisciplinary approach to the prevention and treatment of wounds.
- Be the overarching ‘umbrella’ organisation under which European wound healing associations collaborate.
- Support patients in playing a key role in wound prevention, and in their own treatment, as a central member of the multidisciplinary treatment team.
- Provide easily accessible educational resources for professionals, patients, politicians and decision-makers.
- Increase the awareness of wounds as a major challenge for ensuring patients’ quality of life.
- Actively promote, to governments and other decision-makers, that wounds are preventable by the implementation of adequate prevention measures.
- Increase the awareness of wounds as a major contributor to the economic burden of European health care systems.
- Promote the delivery of cost-effective, evidence-based best practice wound prevention and wound treatment.

## EWMA ACTIVITIES

### Cooperating Organisations & International Partnerships

EWMA has established permanent collaborations with 53 national wound care associations from 35 European countries. Together, they are referred to as the ‘EWMA Cooperating Organisations’ and considered the backbone of the EWMA.

The cooperating organisations meet annually during the EWMA conference in the Cooperating Organisations Board and are responsible for electing 1/4 of the members of the EWMA Council. Joint activities include the dissemination of best practices, the development of projects, the exchange of conference speakers and co-hosting the annual EWMA conference.

Internationally, EWMA collaborates with an increasing number of organisations, including wound management associations, patient organisations and associations representing health care professionals working in other areas relevant to the multidisciplinary approach to wound management.



## EDUCATION

Improving wound management education is an important part of achieving EWMA’s goal of developing wound management across Europe. The primary activities include:

- The EWMA University Conference Model (UCM) offers educational institutions throughout Europe the opportunity to include the annual EWMA Conference as an integral teaching and learning component of their post-graduate courses on wound management.
- Developing and maintaining wound management curricula, for various target groups and levels of education.
- Teacher Network: Networking and knowledge sharing between European teachers and trainers of wound care.



## EVIDENCE IN WOUND MANAGEMENT

EWMA works to improve the quality and extent of research conducted within the wound management field. The following EWMA Document, from 2010, outlines some of the challenges related to wound management studies:

‘Outcomes in controlled and comparative studies on non-healing wounds – Recommendations to improve the quality of evidence in wound management’.

The document can be downloaded free of charge at [www.ewma.org](http://www.ewma.org)



## EWMA CONFERENCE

The annual EWMA Conference attracts around 4,000 delegates and exhibitors from around the world. The variety of participants, and the fact that most key players within the field of wound management participate in the EWMA Conference, makes it a unique opportunity for networking.

In addition to an increasing number of scientific presentations about the latest news in wound management, the conference offers a wide variety of workshops, networking events, independent symposia and project meetings. EWMA also uses the conference to disseminate information on its key messages and accomplishments throughout the year.

Information about past and future EWMA conferences is available at [www.ewma.org](http://www.ewma.org)



## ADVOCACY

EWMA's advocacy activities target the European Parliament, the European Commission and national authorities. Activities include:

- Monitoring European Union (EU) activities and the general EU agenda.
- Analysing opportunities for involvement, such as participation in activities initiated by the European Commission or the European Parliament
- The Joint Pressure Ulcer Prevention and Patient Safety Advocacy project, in cooperation with the European Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel (EPUAP).



## PROJECTS & DOCUMENTS

EWMA documents aim to support the implementation of EWMA's objectives. Documents published in the period 2014–2018 include:

- Advanced Therapies in Wound Management (2018)
- Use of Oxygen Therapies in Wound Healing - Focus on Topical and Hyperbaric Oxygen Treatment (2017)
- Negative Pressure Wound Therapy – Overview, Challenges, and Perspectives (2017)
- Management of Patients with Venous Leg Ulcers: Challenges and Current Best Practice (2016)
- eHealth in Wound Care – From Conception to Implementation (2015)
- Managing Wounds as a Team (2014)
- Home Care – Wound Care. Overview, Challenges and Perspectives (2014)
- EWMA Study Recommendations: For Clinical Investigations in Leg Ulcers and Wound Care (2014)

All EWMA publications can be downloaded free of charge at [www.ewma.org](http://www.ewma.org)

## EWMA JOURNAL

The EWMA Journal is a membership journal with a specific focus on EWMA activities. It also includes the sharing of relevant news, scientific knowledge and clinical experience among EWMA's target groups. The journal is CI-NAHL-indexed and includes peer-reviewed scientific articles, reviews and clinical information. The EWMA Journal is published twice annually (April and October).



## EWMA MEMBERSHIP

EWMA is a membership-based organisation open to individual members and members of EWMA Cooperating Organisations.

The annual membership fee is EUR 25. If you are already a member of an EWMA Cooperating Organisation, the annual membership fee is EUR 10.

Please visit [www.ewma.org](http://www.ewma.org) to register.

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