

# of Woundcare



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April 2011. This is a new initiative on which there hopefully will be a lot of focus in the future.

Since 2000 an annual Flemish wound symposium has been organised and in 2008 the symposium became the Flemish Wound Management Conference. Held in Kortrijk with its mirror symposium in Hasselt –Genk the conference annually attracts over 700 doctors and nurses to attend.

Besides education and promotion of wound management, CNC WMA believes in collaboration between organisations to promote wound care issues. CNC WMA collaborates with NVKVV (Nationaal Verbond van Katholieke Vlaamse Verpleegkundigen) Flanders, a major Nurses organisation, regarding a joint membership at reduced annual fee opportunity; with VLAS, the Flemish ostomy organisation, regarding educational activities and also with a steering committee of 21 local wound management companies to establish better education and awareness towards wound-care in Belgium.

In 2001, CNC WMA started a preliminary UCM (University Conference Model) concept at the EWMA conference for its postgraduate students. Since then CNC WMA has been proud to be able to send students to the conference each year.

In 2011 the updated website, [www.woundcare.be](http://www.woundcare.be), will be launched which is a reference for Flemish students and nurses seeking comprehensive and accessible information concerning wound management. Together with the paper version [wondzorg.be](http://wondzorg.be) this is the major reference source for the Flemish nurses and doctors.



**AFISCEP.be – Association Francophone d’Infirmiers(ères) en Stomathérapie, Cicatrisation et Plaies Belgique**

Nearly twenty years ago an association named ARIAS was established. This association handled the distribution of information regarding ostomised patients to nurses and attending doctors etc. for the more professional treatment of ostomised patients.

Five years later ABISCEP was established with the intention to train stoma therapy nurses in Belgium. Over time, this association expanded into wound care and healing.

In 2007, these two francophone associations joined together under one name: AFISCEP.be.

This association is very active. It organizes an annual conference and roundtable meeting. In addition, some members are responsible for informing home care providers and future nurses in schools. It participates in the INAMI (Institut National Assurance Maladie Invalidité – *National Institute for Disability Health Insurance*) work group and defends patients for the reimbursement of equipment used in stoma care. The association works for the recognition of stoma therapy nurses and nurses specializing in wound care. In addition, AFISCEP.be also organises supplementary training events for certified stoma therapy nurses.

An additional project was a 900 hour stoma therapy and wound care training course that was organised to meet the Belgian legislation in the field. Our association works with CNC WMA to organise the BEFEWO conference which bring together the French and Flemish communities.

To support and complement its activities the AFISCEP.be publishes a quality journal twice a year that is respected and valued by all professionals. Its website, [www.afiscep.be](http://www.afiscep.be), also keeps members up-to-date on the latest news in the field. These projects all contribute to the dissemination of information and training to maintain a high skill level of caregivers in patient support and care. ■