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*A practical and theoretical course about
"Wound Management" for medical staff,
nurses and pharmacists*

During 2003, the APTF initiated and completed a large project across Portugal. We presented fifteen meetings on Wound Management nationwide for the medical staff, nurses and pharmacists in public hospitals, health centres and nursing Higher Schools.

We also supervised a specialist course for nurses on "Tissue viability and wound management". Lasting sixty hours, two days each week, the course was run in collaboration with the cooperative educational department of the North Trade Union of Nurses.

In June 2003, with the International Cooperation Division of the General Health Department of the Portuguese Health Ministry and the Health Ministry of S. Tomé and Príncipe Democratic Republic (Africa), we offered a practical and theoretical course about "Wound Management" for medical staff, nurses and pharmacists who work in hospitals, health centres and the Military. The teaching team was Dr. Aníbal Justiniano and Nurses Arminda Costeira and Fátima Carvalho. Every morning the team worked on practical wound management and each afternoon the fifty participants studied the theories and themes about new concepts and materials for wound management.

In September 2003, the APTF hosted an International Symposium on "Quality of life in patients with chronic wounds". Attended by 450 delegates from throughout the world, the symposium featured a number of international guests including Christine Moffatt (UK), Joan-Enric Torra Bou (Spain), Phil Morgan (UK), Ronald Boumans (Netherlands) and Vincent Falanga (USA) and also well recognised national speakers, two of whom were from the Portuguese Health Ministry. All the speakers presented interesting and stimulating speeches.

In 2004 we will continue to develop our activities in public hospitals, health centres and nursing Higher Schools. In addition, in cooperation with the educational organization of the North Trade Union of Nurses, we have established a new protocol to provide four courses on "Tissue viability and wound management". We are also busy organizing the APTF National Congress taking place on 17-19 November 2004.

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