Report from Czech Wound Management Society

The Czech Wound Management Society is organised as an interdisciplinary association and established not only for physicians and nurses from various fields of medicine, healthcare professionals in domestic care and social services, but also for scientists and non-healthcare professionals engaged in wound healing.

The objective of the CSLR is to improve the quality of care provided to patients with acute and chronic wounds. We have some clinics, centres, departments and outpatients wards where we can provide complex therapy, both general and local, utilising up-to-date therapeutic dressings. Our work is now to establish ‘wound management rules’ for hospital care as well as for outpatient and home care.

It is necessary, therefore, to ensure easy and frank exchange of knowledge and experience across different specialities of medicine focused on wound healing. We feel it is important that we take part in teaching and educational activities at secondary school and university level to raise the profile of wound management and treatment.

We anticipate that it will take us five years to match the level of west European countries in wound management care and treatment. However, growing interest on the part of the healthcare professionals, has confirmed the need for interdisciplinary communication and cooperation between professionals engaged in wound care.

Currently we are preparing for our annual spring symposium, which is to be held this year on April 5th in Brno at the Congress Centrum Hotel International. Themes to be discussed this year are: Outpatient and Home Care, and Chronic Wound Management. Also, in November, we will be hosting a two-day congress in Hradec Králové.

Our fields of interest are:

- teaching and educational activities – to bring ‘wound management’ into the normal practice of healthcare professionals
- the setting of standards for wound management and treatment
- the production of a textbook on wound management for use by both nurses and physicians – potentially to be published next year
- to establish projects and comparative studies involving nurses
- to participate in international projects in the future.