The Finnish Wound Care Society organised its annual wound management conference for 2007 on the theme of “Special Issues in Wound Management”.

The programme included sessions discussing lower limb amputation, wound infection, costs of wound care, seamless services in wound care and wound patients’ quality of life, which focused on pain, nutrition and living habits.

EWMA organised the conference keynote speaker Professor John Posnett from the UK. He presented a lecture on the costs and effectiveness of wound care in which he estimated that the average cost of chronic wounds in Finland is now at least 194 billion euros per year. This presents the Finnish Wound Care Society with the challenge to develop evidence-based wound management, which covers the whole care path of the patient.

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The feedback of participants was positive and encouraging; 75.4% of participants assessed the conference as good and 21.7% assessed it as excellent. Most of the participants (73.4%) stated that they felt that the conference was useful for their work.

According to the conference feedback, the content of sessions was relevant, interesting and professional providing useful tips for clinical practice.

The conference also attracted corporate healthcare professionals with 26 corporate members participating in the conference exhibition.

The XIIth National Wound Management Conference will be held on 31/1-1/2.2008 in Helsinki on the theme of “Modern Wound Management”.

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