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The Lithuanian Wound Management Association (LWMA) was established in 2005 on the initiative of the wound healing center at the Kaunas University of Medicine. Now our association has over 50 members and every year the number of members increases. More and more doctors and nurses, interested in wound healing problems, are joining our association.

The aim of the LWMA is professional cooperation between the specialists and researchers who together solve the problems of study, diagnosis, treatment and prevention of problematic wound healing.

The goals of the Association are:

- to improve training of doctors and nurses and to improve their professional qualifications;
- to provide medical and nursing qualification certificates;
- to develop peer relationships;
- to help young professionals to improve their professional qualifications, and to organise and support internships in other clinics;
- to support research and practice cooperation, and to promote the adjacent sciences and specialties to share knowledge;
- to maintain, and develop cooperative relations with its European and global counterparts and other related societies and associations;
- to offer solutions for the Republic of Lithuania, the Ministry of Health, the Lithuanian Union of Doctors, urban municipalities and other institutions concerning healing wounds and topical issues;
- to raise funds to support its goals and objectives;
- to organise workshops, symposia, conferences and congresses on current professional issues;
- to participate in the preparation of research papers: Write articles, review them, to allow researchers, and field kits, brochures, etc.;
- for members of the Association, to defend the professional, legal, economic and social interests and the right to receive and provide support to the Republic of Lithuania laws.

Since 2005 the Lithuanian Wound Management Association has organised an annual conference on various themes of chronic and acute wound management.

Members of the Association carried out research work in the fields of treatment of deep and partial thickness burns, treatment of trophic ulcers, treatment of diabetic foot, biomechanics of various wounds and bioburden of burn wounds.

Many members participated in the symposium in Brussels in 2011, and presented oral and poster presentations.

In the same year the LWMA in cooperation with dermatologists organised a thematic conference *“Chronic wounds of tumoral origin and their healing”*, which was attended by over 150 participants.

The Association assisted consulting colleagues from Belarus, Ukraine and Russia, by helping and participating in wound healing related conferences in their countries.