The Hungarian Wound Management Association (MSKT) was established by a group of dermatologists and surgeons in 1997 as a nonprofit multidisciplinary society.

The association’s chief goals are improving treatment of acute and chronic wounds, by supporting the transfer of knowledge between research and practice, and updating and enhancing knowledge as well as improving prevention strategies.

The society has about 200 members from various areas of medicine (surgeons, dermatologists, internists, general practitioners, and allergologists), as well as medical companies and healthcare professionals dealing with patient-care, dietetic, or diabetes.

In 2002 MSKT became one of the Cooperating Organisations of the European Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel (EPUAP) and in 2004 joined the European Wound Management Association (EWMA). Since then MSKT members have been active participants in all EPUAP and EWMA congresses.

The main objectives of MSKT are:

- the spreading of practical and scientific knowledge regarding physiopathology, clinic, diagnosis and treatment of ulcerative cutaneous lesions between MDs and health care workers.
- the introduction of clinical standards and good practices in the field of wound care.
- the establishment of a sustainable platform for the exchange of professional know-how among medical professionals in the field of wound care.
- communication and collaboration with Hungarian and international institutions, and with the industry.

MSKT, SEBINKO and the Association of Medical Devices Manufacturers have together published six consensus documents on wound care, including the prevention and treatment of leg ulcers.

MSKT plays an active role in the healthcare sector focusing on diagnosis, treatment and prevention of ulcerative cutaneous lesions. The association’s chief goal is to promote scientific seminars aimed at disseminating, updating and enhancing knowledge on physiopathology, clinic, diagnosis and treatment of ulcerative cutaneous lesions as well as improving prevention strategies. MSKT, in a strong cooperation with SEBINKO (Hungarian Association for the Improvement in Care of Chronic Wounds and Incontinence; www.sebinko.hu) highlights social issues with a particular focus on recognition of the rights of patients with cutaneous ulcers through activities aimed at standardising treatment options in other European countries.

MSKT publishes the official journal of “Sebkezelés sebgyógyulás” (means WOUND CARE, WOUND HEALING) twice a year. The journal “Sebkezelés sebgyógyulás” is available for all persons interested in wound healing and accepts articles and submissions not only from MSKT members but other interested professionals. A Medline listing is an aim for the future. The website www.euuzlet.hu/mskt is a useful source of information and news relating to the activities and initiatives undertaken by MSKT.

MSKT normally holds its own annual two day congress in October. The Annual National Conference is always a forum where the sector’s professionals and key players can compare notes and exchange experiences. The XIVth congress took place in Budapest from the 13th to 14th of October, 2011, with the theme: “Wound Care in Hungary 2011”. The congress including the seminar on “Leg Ulcer & Compression” was organised in cooperation with the International Compression Club (ICC), the European Wound Management Association (EWMA), and SEBINKO.

The congress was a successful mixture of lectures, practical workshops, industry symposia, and discussion forums. The event was very successful with over 20 scientific presentations and more than 200 participants. The forthcoming 2012 congress will take place in Budapest on October 2012.