

A COMMUNICATION FROM THE NORWEGIAN WOUND HEALING ASSOCIATION



NIFS Norsk Interesse- faggruppe for Sårheling Norwegian Wound Healing Association



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Administrative areas:

Wound groups, contact persons, web site

Swedish Wound Healing Society has since the beginning urged for exchange of information and contributed to the creation of different networks called "sårvårdsgupper" in which the association has contact persons who serve as the association's right hand-man. The contact persons, who live in different areas of the country, are offered education and are kept informed about wound related areas at an additional annual education meeting. The education meeting takes place in spring in connection with the association's annual meeting. This education has provided a basis for a number of regional wound healing groups/wound healing teams/wound healing centres.

Swedish Wound Healing Society's website

<http://www.sarlakning.com>

SWHS has its own website with information about the association but also a calendar on national and international meetings and conferences.

Members

Swedish Wound Healing Society is growing and the number of members is increasing year by year and today the association has 540 members.

The Wound Healing Organisation for Patients and Relatives

This organisation is a non-governmental organisation for patients with different types of wounds. The objective is to support, inform, and educate patients, relatives and hospital staff. Another objective is to affect politicians, decision-makers and to inform the public. SWHS supports the organisation and has participated in their meetings.

NIFS GOAL SETTING / AGENDA 2001-2003

Consolidation

- To establish a countrywide network based on the NIFS members. The members will report their local needs to NIFS – NIFS will subsequently lend its support.
- To continue cooperation with institutions with mutual interests.
- To establish new relations with national and international groups, such as ETRS and EWMA.
- To recruit new members and future candidates for the board and other relevant committees.

Distributing information and knowledge on wound healing

- A general medical record of the different types of wounds is being prepared in collaboration with the medical professions.
- Guidelines for treatment of the different types of wounds are under preparation in collaboration with the medical professions.
- Postgraduate courses in diagnostics and treatment of wounds will be arranged.
- A list of available lecturers throughout the country will be monitored and kept up-to-date.
- A NIFS Internet Homepage will be created for easy access to information on our activities, with direct links to the relevant organizations.

Research

- To establish contact with Norwegian research institutions and groups engaged in studies of processes related to Wound Healing.
- To continue the programme of establishing scholarships for NIFS members involved with Wound Healing.

Introduction of NIFS to the authorities and to future members

- The **SÅR** Journal will continue to serve as the vehicle in which to manifest the professional commitment to problem wounds in Norway and Denmark.
- Education grants for NIFS members will be established.
- Authorities and political bodies will be made aware of pertinent aspects of wound treatment problems, epidemiology and research via letters and published articles.
- NIFS will be promoted by presentations in the media.

Guidelines for treatment of the diabetic foot

The WHO guidelines for treatment of the diabetic foot have been translated and worked out for Norwegian health personnel by an interdisciplinary group. The pamphlet is distributed without cost through NIFS and the Norwegian Diabetic Association.