



SSiS Sårjukskötorskor i Sverige Tissue Viability Nurses in Sweden



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Wound healing is an important field, in which nursing competence must improve and become more visible.

Sårjukskötorskor i Sverige (SSiS)/ Tissue Viability Nurses in Sweden is a part/section of the Swedish Society of Nursing (SSF) and also a Co-operating Organisation within EWMA since 2006.

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The main purpose of the SSiS is to address nation wide, strategic issues in wound management, in close co-operation with politicians, other national societies and EWMA.

We aim to

- promote evidence-based medical and nursing practice in agreement with laws and regulations in order to increase quality of care for persons with wounds or at risk of developing wounds
- become a meeting place for co-operation and exchange of knowledge between interest groups from various specialist areas in wound healing
- cover, disseminate and promote research, development and education in wound healing
- strengthen and clarify the nurse's role in wound healing
- improve the wound patients' physical, practical and emotional situation

Membership in the SSiS includes free issues of the EWMA Journal and the Danish SÅR journal, reduced subscription fees for the new Swedish journal Sår and reduced registration fees for SSiS and EWMA conferences.

Since being established in late 2005, the SSiS has recruited around 350 members, arranged two conferences, set up working teams, established co-operation with the companies, started a website, www.sarsjukskoterskor.se, and acted as a point of reference to the authorities in different wound-related subjects.

Conferences

Two conferences have been held, both at the Karolinska University Hospital. They have attracted more than 400 participants. International speakers include Tom Defloor, Mark Collier and Keith Harding. The next conference on the theme *Wound management – practical aspects and ethical issues – an interactive session* will be held September 24. The Annual General Meeting has been held on March 26, combined with a meeting for representatives from the companies.

At present our main efforts are directed towards expanding the website, planning the next conference, preparing problem inventories in the wound healing area, drawing up competency standards for Swedish nurses specialising in wound healing and recruiting more members.

