

# TVS – United Kingdom

The Tissue Viability Society (TVS) is probably the world's oldest society dedicated to all tissue viability issues. Formed in 1981 and a UK registered charity since 1996, the Society attracts members from all health care professions involved with tissue viability.

Our mission statement is "to disseminate information, promote research and increase awareness of all aspects of good clinical practice in wound prevention and management".

Our goal is simply to provide expertise in wound management.

In April 2011 we celebrated our 30 year Anniversary with a very successful conference in Kettering; we had an increased number of delegates and the largest exhibition we have ever had, demonstrating the continued support of both the membership and industry.

After consultation with our members we are now working hard on the following initiatives:

- Greater membership involvement via the Tissue Viability Nurse networks and other practitioners around the country
- A statement on Pressure Ulcer Reporting. A Consensus meeting took place in November 2011 with some fascinating outcomes that we will be reporting on shortly
- Enhancements to our web site that reflect greater interaction and educational materials from our annual conference
- Close collaboration with our journal's editorial board and publishers at the Journal of Tissue Viability
- Our development as a multidisciplinary society, emphasising the worth of true working partnerships with a variety of healthcare disciplines. Tissue Viability is a multidisciplinary field after all!
- Regional study days provided by the TVS
- Provision of a relevant and exciting annual conference that is a key event within the tissue viability calendar in the UK

To this end our 2012 conference, in Kettering on 18th and 19th April, will be a new departure for us, as we need to step up to the challenge facing all Tissue Viability professionals working in the UK, and indeed Europe, today.

The theme of this year's conference is "Raising our Game" and we will focus on the five core components that will allow us to do so:

- Politics
- Health Economics
- Leadership
- Research & Innovation
- Clinical Practice

Keynote presenters will include Professor Zee Upton on innovative approaches to the wound care challenge, Professor Julian Guest on understanding costs in Tissue Viability, Dr Paul Zollinger-Read on the changing political climate and Professor Hugo Partsch on compression therapy. We are planning on huge interaction with our members and some very valuable outcomes to be published in the second half of 2012.

For more information on the Tissue Viability Society, go to [www.tvs.org.uk](http://www.tvs.org.uk).

To find out about our 2012 conference, please go to [www.tvsconference.org](http://www.tvsconference.org).