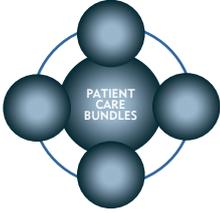


NEW EWMA 'CARE BUNDLES' WORKING GROUP



Based on an initiative by the current EWMA President, Sue Bale, the EWMA Council has decided to establish a working group which will focus on the development of care bundles for wound management. The care bundles approach is further described in the editorial of this issue.

The objective of this initiative is to use care bundles to support the implementation of good wound management practice across Europe. EWMA wishes to do this by providing tools to support the front line staff engaged in wound management, which may also support the establishment of interdisciplinary teams in wound management. The care bundles constitute an existing system for improving care, and the EWMA Council believes that this provides a useful tool to support the implementation of wound management guidelines.

EWMA plans to initiate a collaboration with the Institute of Healthcare Improvement (IHI) to develop care bundle programmes for the selected wound aetiologies not yet addressed in care bundles.

THE EWMA CARE BUNDLES WORKING GROUP CURRENTLY INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Sue Bale (EWMA President, chair, UK), Sara Rowan (Italy), Julie Jordan O'Brien (Ireland), Evelien Touriany (Belgium), Jan Stryja (Czech Republic)

For more information about 'Care bundles', please visit the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI), <http://www.ihl.org/>

WOUND CENTRE ENDORSEMENT PROGRAMME & COURSE FOR REVIEWERS



The Wound Centre Endorsement Committee is working on a programme for wound centre endorsements in collaboration with the cooperating organisations of EWMA. This initiative is described in an article published in the Journal of Wound Care in May 2018.

During the EWMA 2018 Conference in Krakow, a course for reviewers representing national associations in Europe will take place for the first time. This is a pilot version of the final course to be developed for wound centre reviewers who will eventually represent EWMA and the national associations that decide to engage in the programme.

The EWMA Wound Centre Endorsement programme will be discussed with representatives of the national associations in Europe during the EWMA Cooperating Organisations Board meeting. Furthermore, you can hear about national wound centre endorsement/certification programmes in the session Cooperating Organisations Wound Centre Experiences held during the EWMA 2018 Conference, Wednesday 9 May at 16.45-18.00.

SUCCESSFUL SESSION ON NON-ANTIBIOTIC ANTIMICROBIAL ALTERNATIVES AT FIS2017 IN BIRMINGHAM



At the Federation Infection Societies Conference (FIS2017) on 30 November 2017, EWMA and the British Society for Antimicrobial Chemotherapy (BSAC) hosted a joint symposium on non-antibiotic antimicrobial alternatives for treating wounds. Professor Rose Cooper and Dr Klaus Kirketerp-Moller presented the results of their paper on the topic, which will be published in the *Journal of Wound Care* in June 2018. Matthew Dryden presented on the use of an antimicrobial wound gel in his presentation entitled 'Reactive Oxygen, clinical applications for a novel antimicrobial agent'.

Joint EWMA/BSAC session: Antimicrobial Stewardship in Wound Management Promoting non-antibiotic antimicrobial technologies in wound care

At EWMA 2018, in Krakow, EWMA and BSAC will join forces again to present a session on antimicrobial stewardship. It will be held Thursday 10 May, from 11.15–12.15.

In this session, you will learn about a new review paper on the use of topical antibiotics to prevent surgical site infections (SSIs). Data were collected from the members of the British Society for Antimicrobial Chemotherapy (BSAC) and EWMA and shows little consensus about the appropriate use of topical antibiotics. We will also look into the use of negative pressure wound therapy with instillation (NPWTi) as a means to prevent or treat infection. Finally, Rose Cooper will share her thoughts on why we should work towards a stewardship strategy for the use of biocides in wound management.

THE JOURNAL OF WOUND CARE 2018 AWARDS WINNERS

The award winners were announced on 6 March 2018. EWMA would like to congratulate:

- Kylie Sandy-Hodgetts, member of the EWMA Council (representing Wounds Australia), for receiving the 'Best Clinical Research Award' and finishing third in the 'Innovation in Surgical Site Infection' category.
- Massimo Rivolo, member of the EWMA Council, for coming in second in the 'Innovation in Chronic Wound Healing' category.
- Georgina Gethin, EWMA Honorary Secretary, for her third place finish in the 'Patient Wellbeing Award' category.
- Andrea Pokorná, former member of the EWMA Council, for a third place finish in the 'Professional Education Award' category.

EWMA REPRESENTED AT THE AAWC PU PREVENTION SUMMIT 2018

EWMA Honorary Secretary, Dr Georgina Gethin, represented EWMA at the Association for Advancement of Wound Care (AAWC) at their first annual Pressure Ulcer Summit in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, on 9-11 February 2018.

During two stimulating days an international forum of experts and key stakeholders in PU prevention and management tried to better define pressure-related tissue damage and wounds, assess the state of the science, and identify research opportunities with the ultimate goal to create new pathophysiologic models that clinicians can understand and use to make decisions at the bedside, thus advancing patient care.

The proceedings will be incorporated into a white paper, to be published later this year. Meanwhile, further information is available at <http://www.o-wm.com/article/proceedings-association-advancement-wound-care-first-annual-pressure-ulcer-summit>.