EWMA 2019 CONFERENCE IN GOTHENBURG
Sweden

The 29th Conference of the European Wound Management Association, EWMA 2019, will take place in the seaside Swedish city of Gothenburg from 5–7 June 2019. The conference is being organised in cooperation with SSIS, the Swedish Wound Care Nurses Organisation, and in collaboration with RiksSår, the Swedish Registry of Ulcer Treatment. The EWMA 2019 Conference features an extended scientific programme covering a wide range of topics such as leg ulcers, diabetic foot, pressure ulcers, dermatology, vascular surgery, orthopaedic surgery and much more. Explore the programme here.

REGISTER NOW

2019 EWMA COUNCIL ELECTION

We are pleased to announce that the interest in the EWMA Council Election has been great this year, and the number of candidates exceeds the vacancies. In the individual election, all members of EWMA registered before 1 January 2019 will be offered the chance to cast their vote. In this election, there are nine candidates for four vacancies. Five members of the EWMA Council are elected from and by the EWMA Cooperating Organisations. The election among candidates presented by these organisations will take place by the Cooperating Organisations’ representatives during the Cooperating Organisations Board meeting, to be held on Thursday, 10 May. In this election, there will be seven candidates for two positions.
The results of the EWMA Council election will be announced at the EWMA AGM on 7 June 2019, 12.50–13.20 and at www.ewma.org. We look forward to welcoming the new members of the EWMA Council. Read more here.

JOURNAL OF THE EUROPEAN WOUND MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

The spring 2019 issue of the Journal of the European Wound Management Associations presents a number of scientific articles focused on the special theme of patient-centred wound care. Furthermore, you will find the latest news and information about EWMA’s current activities and our national and international partner organisations. Find the latest and previous issues here.

Submit your paper for the October 2019 issue now!
The October 2019 issue of the Journal of the European Wound Management Association is dedicated to the topic of palliative wound care. The deadline for scientific contributions is 24 June 2019. Author guidelines and more details are available here.

NEWS ABOUT EWMA'S PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

NEW PUBLICATIONS IN 2019

EWMA Document: Surgical Wounds and Site Infections – Management in Hospitals and Community Care
This document will provide guidance on how to deal surgical site infection (SSI) management and prevention in hospitals and community care. The document is developed in collaboration with Wounds Australia and the Association for the Advancement of Wound Care (USA). The document will be published as an online supplement to the Journal of Wound Care in summer 2019.

EWMA Document: Atypical Wounds – Best Clinical Practices and Challenges
This document provides an overview of recent knowledge and
evidence about atypical wounds, defined as wounds that cannot be placed in the primary categories of non-healing wounds. The document will be published in an online supplement to the Journal of Wound Care in spring 2019.

NEW PUBLICATIONS PLANNED FOR PUBLICATION IN SPRING 2020

Birth-related Wounds
The objective of this paper is to develop resources targeting health care professionals who provide care to women who have undergone childbirth (vaginally or by caesarean section). The aim will be to enhance their wound management skills, thereby supporting the prevention and treatment of birth-related wounds and post-caesarean section infections.

Person-centred Care: Patient Empowerment in Wound Management
The primary objective of this project is to help wound care practitioners optimise the wound care process through patient-centred care. The project will include the publication of a document that outlines efficient patient communication strategies and provide recommendations on how to involve patients and their families in the wound management process. Based on the document, we will develop a series of short, instructive videos that can be shared within a professional network.

EDUCATION

EWMA Masterclass Oxygen Therapies 4 June 2019 in Gothenburg
The EWMA Masterclass on Oxygen Therapies in Wound Healing will provide a unique learning opportunity through interaction with three of the most renowned experts in the field
Educational activity based on the EWMA Document *Use of Oxygen Therapies in Wound Healing* (2017). Participants are invited to present case stories, which will be followed by interactive discussions. The best case story will be awarded a free registration for EWMA 2020 Conference. Read more and register [here](#).

**EWMA e-learning course Basic Wound Management**

A new e-learning course was made available in January 2019. This course primarily targets health care professionals or students with no specialisation in wound management. The course is free of charge and can be accessed [here](#).

**New e-learning module on Antimicrobial Stewardship in Wound Care**

A new e-learning course developed by EWMA and the British Society for Antimicrobial Chemotherapy (BSAC) will be available on FutureLearn.com in the summer of 2019. Read more [here](#).

**Wound Curriculum for Nurses: Post-registration Qualification Wound Management – European Qualification Framework Level 6**

EWMA's wound curricula for nurses support standardised content in the existing and future educational programmes for post-registration qualification in wound management across Europe. The second curriculum, which targets European Qualification Framework (EQF) Level 6, was published as an online supplement to the Journal of Wound Care in February 2019. The last of three curricula, intended for EQF Level 7, is expected to be published in late 2019. Read more [here](#).

**ONGOING EWMA PROJECTS**

**Organisation of wound healing in Sweden**

A project consortium consisting of researchers and clinicians representing the Swedish
current state of Swedish wound care in terms of management, resource allocation, patient quality of life, implementation of e-health solutions and more. A Call for Action on the need for improved interdisciplinary cooperation between healthcare providers will be launched at EWMA 2019 along with a proposal for implementation and best practices, supported by the experiences and the e-health solution developed by RiksSår. The project will be presented at EWMA 2019 on Friday 7 June, 10.30 - 12.45 in Session room G1.

Living with Chronic Wounds
In a series of videos from wound care clinics across Europe, patients, health care professionals and managers tell their stories of living with and managing chronic wounds. The objective is to illustrate patients’ experiences and the various challenges and approaches to wound management experienced and undertaken by wound care professionals and their organisations. The videos are expected to be available by late 2019. Read more here.

The Impact of Lifestyle Factors on Wound Healing
Lifestyle factors are often overlooked in the wound management process or, at least, are not that salient in the wound management discourse. This EWMA document will investigate the impact of lifestyle factors on the wound healing process. We will systemise the knowledge on different lifestyle factors (nutrition, smoking, stress, etc.) and provide recommendations to both healthcare professionals and patients on how to optimise the wound healing process by adopting better lifestyle habits.

EWMA Patient Outcome Group: Focus on Medical Device Regulation (MDR)
With this project, EWMA seeks to explore the wound product-related challenges and opportunities related to the documentation required under the new EU regulations for medical devices. EWMA has decided to focus on this project in collaboration with its industry partners within the framework of the EWMA Patient Outcome Group. The objective is to discuss, define and propose ‘common specifications’ (CS) for wound
ADVOCACY

Joint EPUAP-EWMA Pressure Ulcer (PU) Prevention and Patient Safety Advocacy Project

A seventh background article addressing the invisible burden of pressure ulcers for disabled people in Europe has been published. This and other articles from the joint EPUAP-EWMA project are available for free download at the [EWMA](#) and [EPUAP](#) project websites.

All participants in the EWMA 2019 Conference are encouraged to visit the joint session of this project on Thursday, 6 May, 8.30–9.30 in Session Room F1-2. For further information about the presenters, please consult the conference programme.

EWMA PARTNER ORGANISATION ACTIVITIES

**Cooperating Organisations Workshop 2019**: 'Wound registries and use of these for research purposes'. The Cooperating Organisations workshop is scheduled for Friday 7 June, 8.30–9.45 in Session Room 1 in Gothenburg during the EWMA 2019 Conference. In this session, EWMA Cooperating Organisations (national associations in the field of wound research and management) will share and discuss achievements and challenges related to wound registries and the use of these for research purposes. Attendees of this session are encouraged to share their own experiences and engage in dialogue with the presenters.

**EWMA Cooperating Organisations’ Board meeting and International Partner Organisations’ Board meeting**: Invitations for both these meetings have been sent to the appointed representatives and presidents of the partner organisations.

EWMA CONFERENCE IN 2020

The 30th Conference of the European Wound Management Association, EWMA 2020, will
Enhancing Wound Care Quality: Global Collaboration for Local Action

- Collaboration across professions, organisations and nations
- Innovation locally, nationally and internationally
- Local action to improve national and international wound care

Safe, high-quality healthcare improves the health and wellbeing of populations and nations. Improving the quality of wound care requires shared learning, research and innovation with people from different parts of the world. The EWMA 2020 Conference will focus on how global collaboration in wound care can deliver cost-effective, high-quality wound care at a local level.

For important updates and more information about the conference, please visit: ewma2020.org.

GREETINGS FROM THE EWMA PRESIDENT

On behalf of the EWMA Council, I send you all my best wishes for a wonderful springtime and look forward to seeing you in Gothenburg in June!

Kind regards,
Professor Sue Bale
EWMA President

NEWS FROM EWMA'S CORPORATE SPONSORS

ABIGO MEDICAL
A recent published health economic study based on clinical data highlights significant potential resource and cost savings associated with the lower SSI rates observed with Sorbact versus standard surgical dressing

B. BRAUN MEDICAL
With the launch of Askina® Dressil Lite and Askina® Silnet Plus, B. BRAUN is reinforcing its silicone based technology portfolio for exudate management.

BSN MEDICAL GMBH
Choose the proven, safe and easy way to prevent infections. Experience Cutimed® Sorbact®

COLOPLAST
FLEN HEALTH
Discover the latest Flaminal® 3D animation! The video explains how the only enzyme alginogel® on the market keeps the bacterial load in the wound under control.

KCI ACELITY
Have you tried NPWT with instillation? Sign up for your free V.A.C. VERAFLÓ CLEANSE CHOICE™ Dressing product demonstration with one of our KCI representatives today.


MÖLNLYCKE
Mepilex Border Flex combines improved exudate management with the ability to conform and stay on your patient.
How do Exufiber and Hydrolock® technology help create an optimal healing environment for medium to highly exuding wounds?

WELCARE INDUSTRIES SPA
The clinical and cost-effective debridement solution: UCS™: Unique, Convenient, Safe