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# EWMA Teacher Network

- connecting wound management educators  
across Europe



**EWMA Teacher Network 2019, Rui Pedro Gomes Pereira presents the implantation of the EQF Level 5 curriculum by the University of Minho.**

## What is the EWMA Teacher Network?

The EWMA Education Committee established the EWMA Teacher Network in 2012 to connect wound management educators across Europe and to encourage collaboration among them. All educators involved in the training of wound management professionals can join the network and share views, experiences and ideas with peers from different teaching cultures and backgrounds. One of the main issues both the Education Committee and Teacher Network identified is the absence of a common approach to educational qualifications for wound management for both nurses and physicians across Europe. This is why one of the network's main priorities is tackling this issue together and facilitating the implementation of a common approach to qualification in wound management.

## How does the network work?

The members of the EWMA Teacher Network meet annually during the EWMA Conference to discuss the latest trends and challenges within wound management education. One member from each educational institution is entitled to free conference registration if the delegate attends the Teacher Network meeting. The members of the Teacher Network are also updated 3–4 times per year via a newsletter that includes information about EWMA's recent educational activities. Members of the Teacher Network are encouraged to contribute with their own news. Recently, our cooperating organization in Portugal, Portuguese Wound Society (ELCOS), has informed us that they have established a Portuguese Network of Wound Educators (REFE-PT). This network's model aims to replicate and adapt to the national level the dynamics established by the EWMA Teachers Network. The EWMA Teacher Network is honoured to be a role model for our national partners, and we are pleased to be able to share this news with our Teacher Network members in our forthcoming autumn newsletter. Our future ambition is to help connect educators on both the national and European levels, as we are convinced that

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it is only when working together that we can make a difference and bring wound management education in Europe to the highest standards.

### **Our recent annual meeting, held during the EWMA 2019 Conference in Gothenburg**

This year's Teacher Network meeting was devoted to state-of-the-art education in the European standardisation of wound education and followed the theme of the session organized by the EWMA Education Committee. Twenty-seven members from 12 countries, including Portugal, Iceland, Romania, Belgium, the UK, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Poland, Ireland, Germany and Malaysia, attended the Teacher Network meeting. During the Education session, European educators and experts in wound management shared their experience with the implementation of the EWMA levels 5 and 6 post-registration curricula for nurses and presented their national initiatives, for example, the National Wound Care Strategy for England, and a new master's module in wound care and prevention for Nordic students.

### **Our recent projects**

Last year, we undertook a project to determine the current level of wound management education in pre-registration nursing curricula. We have published an article about the preliminary results of an online survey from England, Scotland, Wales and the Republic of Ireland. You can find an article about our project in the October 2018 issue of the *Journal of the European Wound Management Association*.<sup>1</sup>

At the beginning of October, we released the second episode of the EWMA podcast, where I had the chance to speak to my colleagues Sebastian Probst and Ida Verheyen-Cronau about the standardisation of wound management education in Europe. Both guests of the podcast have extensive experience in their countries with the implementation of the EWMA levels 5 and 6 post-registration curricula for nurses. You can access and listen to the EWMA podcasts directly from EWMA's website, or via SoundCloud, Stitcher and iTunes.

The next meeting of the EWMA Teacher Network will take place during the EWMA 2020 conference in London. If you wish to join the Teacher Network, please contact the EWMA Secretariat: [ewma@ewma.org](mailto:ewma@ewma.org).

For further information on the EWMA Teacher Network, please visit EWMA's website. ■

### **The EWMA Teacher Network**

The EWMA Teacher Network is open for all professionals engaged in wound management education. The network meets once annually during the EWMA Conference and is chaired by Samantha Holloway (EWMA Council member and Senior Lecturer, Cardiff University, Wales UK).

A primary objective of the network is to increase European collaboration on objectives, structure and content of future wound management education and training in Europe.

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