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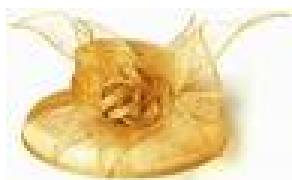
TASMANIAN WOUND CARE ASSOCIATION

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January 2007

WELCOME one and all to the current TWCA Newsletter. Hope this publication finds you well and wound savvy. If you have any items you would like published in the newsletter, please submit to Carol on 62 228322, 0408 992 403 or e-mail carol.baines@dhhs.tas.gov.au

2007 STATE CONFERENCE



Fashions on the Field



March 29-30th

Launceston Tram Shed Function Centre

A look at current trends in wound care

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

**Mr Craig Quarmby
Ms Terri Swanson**

THURSDAY 29 MARCH (5PM - 9PM) COCKTAIL PARTY INCLUDING FASHIONS ON THE FIELD

FRIDAY 30 MARCH (8.30 AM TILL 4.30PM)

- NOVICE PRESENTERS PRIZE
- NETWORKING
- BEST TRADE STAND TROPHY
- FASHIONS ON THE FIELD

**Registration forms available online or contact
Bebe Brown – 62228322 bebe.brown@dhhs.tas.gov.au**

Australian Wound Management Association Inc

News Release No 4, November 2006 Highlights: AWMA Committee Meeting 18 & 19 Nov 2006 AWMA website

The AWMA website is being redeveloped and the new look website will go live on 12 December 2006. As the website has over 1 million hits per month a FAQ's feature has been developed to assist visitors to identify whether the site will provide the information that they are seeking. Be sure to visit the website and give AWMA feedback on what you would like to see on the site. The address is www.awma.com.au

AWMA Newsletter Insert: Primary Intention Australian Journal of Wound Management

The first edition of a newsletter that will provide State Association and AWMA Committee news will be inserted into the November edition of Primary Intention. A special feature will be a calendar of events that will feature wound management conference dates. It is hoped that this diary will facilitate attendance and planning of major state, national and international wound management events. Ms Carol Baines (Tasmania) has undertaken the role of Editor and AWMA thanks her for her effort in producing this first edition. The newsletter will be produced twice yearly and inserted into the April and December editions of Primary Intention.

AWMA Conference: Evolving Landscapes: Dreams, Diversity & Disasters. Darwin NT 7-10 May 2008.

Planning for the conference is progressing well and a site visit to Darwin NT was held on 3 & 4 November 2006. The venues for the 2008 Conference the Darwin Entertainment Centre and Holiday Inn Esplanade were visited and a floor plan is now being developed. The new Darwin Convention Centre is under construction however there is only a small chance that this will be completed in time for the AWMA conference. Dr Allison Cowin (Chair Scientific Committee) and the Scientific Committee members are well advanced in planning the program. Invited International Guest speakers are Prof Greg Schulz and Prof Mark Ferguson. Key note speaker invitations are being prepared. A Company Prospectus has been prepared and the floor plan is being drawn up. Once this is complete this prospectus will be available.

NT WM Symposium

A very successful NT Wound Management Symposium was held on 3 Nov 2006 and over 120 persons participated. There was an excellent Trade display that was very well attended by the participants. The Trade display greatly enhanced the symposium and AWMA thanks the Companies who attended for the valuable contribution that they made to the success of this day. The guest speaker was Dr Annabelle Duncan, a microbiologist. All speakers had the audience enthralled with their presentation. The Territorian's attending expressed interest in attending further wound management education sessions and in forming a wound management group.

WUWHS Conference 4-8 June 2008 Toronto Canada

A morning tea was held to congratulate Geoff Sussman on his recent OAM award. Geoff also presented to the committee an overview of the planning for the 2008 WUWHS Conference Toronto, Canada. Planning for a stimulating program is well advanced. Calls for Abstracts will be issued shortly, so please consider submitting an abstract and attending this important global event on wound management.

Venous Leg Ulcer Guideline Development Committee

The VLUGDC have been meeting regularly and are now preparing an NHMRC submission re AWMA developed VLU guidelines. To facilitate the success of this submission NHMRC presented a 2 hour workshop on the requirements of the NHMRC process. This was invaluable for AWMA committee and members of, APUAP and Standards subcommittee who attended. AWMA is thankful for this support.

With best wishes for a Happy Festive Season and a stimulating 2007

Michael Woodward. AWMA President

Have you completed your AWMA Wound Management Education Members Survey?

**Please help us in our quest to compile information about wound management education in
Australia.**

**This information will assist us to develop standards and classification levels for such
education.**

**REMEMBER all completed surveys go into a draw for FREE registration for the
AWMA Darwin Conference in May 2008!**

Surveys will be distributed with your Primary Intention. Surveys can also be accessed via our website

www.awma.com.au

or by contacting Jan Rice at the Wound Foundation of Australia

WOUND TALK

Brought to you by Lotta Mank our roving reporter



Lotta: I keep hearing from the experts that paying attention to detail is important when helping to heal a patient's wound. This year I am going to be conducting a series of interviews with our state leaders in wound care on this subject and first on my list is Clarissa Young CNC Wound Management at Launceston General Hospital. Clarissa, many nurses have commented to me that when they use a hydrocolloid dressing on a sacral wound it usually rolls up or off within a few hours. One nurse has even sent me this photo. Is it just the way they are applying the product? What is your expert opinion?



Clarissa: Well Lotta lets look at this situation logically and **with attention to detail**. If I was examining this patient I would be considering the following issues:

What is under the dressing? This product is not completely covering skin damage in the first place!

Is the skin damage related to continence management issues? Is there some peri-anal thrush? Rolled up and separated dressings like this one result in additional pressure over damaged skin and are just making things worse. I would then determine what the problem is – incontinence, peri-anal thrush and pressure.

Goals:

- Protect skin from effects of urine/faecal contamination
- Treat peri-anal thrush
- Minimise pressure

Manage incontinence problems, treat thrush with topical creams and or orally, assess wounds and stage tissue loss.

Lotta: So Clarissa can you use an adhesive dressing?

Clarissa: No Lotta it will not adhere to creams and in this case the damaged skin is quite large and obtaining a good fit would be very difficult indeed.

Lotta: So is a hydrocolloid dressing suitable for protecting wounds and minimising pressure. Some nurses seem to think it is.

Clarissa: No again Lotta. While they may offer wound protection these dressings tend to be bulky and if not applied will roll up from the edges causing additional pressure over already damaged skin. Each wound/skin damaged area needs to be assessed for the suitability of every dressing product and matched with practical goals.

Lotta: But Clarissa will this dressing last a week or a leak?

Clarissa: Lotta, these dressings on this bottom are unlikely to last even a shift!

Lotta: So what can you advise nurses to do instead of using a hydrocolloid?

Clarissa: I would use the following plan taught to me by our stomal therapist. It is fantastic at resolving superficial ulcers to the buttocks, lower sacrum and coccyx areas where fixing dressings is near impossible.

Plan

- Non soap cleanser and barrier creams (such as Triple Care regime)
- Topical anti-thrush cream
- Hydrocolloid powder (stomahesive powder) over broken skin and covered with zinc cream (Calmoseptine)
- Non woven gauze over the top
- Change prn
- Assess cause of incontinence + chart results + toileting and bowel regime + pad and pants
- Repositioning regime - ? air mattress and chair cushion
- Review plan and change as necessary

Lotta: Thank you so much Clarissa. If our members have any further questions on this treatment are they able to contact you via the web site?

Clarissa: Absolutely. They just need to get on to the web site and click on the contact us button on the left of the screen.



Hi everyone

Thank you for your feedback from our previous Newsletter, "Where does the money go?" It's nice to have correspondence from members. Our audit has been completed and passed for another year. We now have internet banking too. So if cash or cheque is difficult for you, money can be directly deposited into our account over the internet. Please remember if selecting this option to write your name and reason for the money, when asked by the computer, so we can track who sent it and why. This makes my job that much easier when doing the books if I don't have to first work out why, and who put an amount in our Account. This will also enable the receipting process to occur more readily!

Thank you all, and look forward to seeing you at our up-coming Conference.

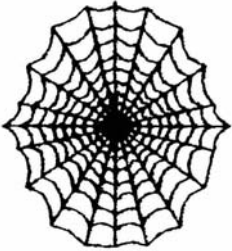
Regards,
Pip Rice
RN, Treasurer, TWCA

TWCA EDUCATION GRANT

The Tasmanian Wound Care Association is excited to announce a new Education Grant. The grant has been established to assist TWCA members to further develop their theoretical and practical wound management knowledge base through post graduate study.

The 2007 education grant will be offered up to a total amount of \$1500 AUS for TWCA members undertaking a Graduate Certificate, Diploma, or Masters in Wound Management through a recognised tertiary institution.

Copies of the Education Grant Application form can be accessed via the TWCA website: www.twca.com.au or use the attached form. Please return to TWCA PO Box 1759, HOBART TAS 7001.



UPDATING THE WEB SITE

The TWCA has been working with our web site designer to enhance the efficiency and look of our web site. There are a few notable alterations to the look and access in the website. The information exchange has been altered to prevent the regrettable incursions into the website by spammers who have created some problems for some of our members as well as the local web mistress. The TWCA apologises to any members who have been caught up in this intrusive web based traffic.

Members are reminded that there is an opt out provision for receiving TWCA information via the web. If you wish to opt out of the service please either write to secretary or log on to the website and email your request via the contact us button on the left hand side of the front page.

There have been a number of very specific enquiries to the website over the past few months. Members are encouraged to make contact with us with enquiries related to wound management. Regrettably, this does not include advice for specific wound management but we can direct you to places and resources where this information can be obtained.

Clarissa Young
Web mistress TWCA
twca.com.au

All items featured are submitted with the philosophy of improving wound care for sufferers and carers. No financial support is given or offered by wound care product manufacturers or distributors in the making of the newsletter. If you have any concerns or questions about items featured, please contact either:

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TWCA Post Graduate Assistance EDUCATION GRANT APPLICATION FORM

The Tasmanian Wound Care Association (TWCA) aims to provide health professionals with an educational network to support wound care management. Part of this network is the provision of an educational grant to assist its members to further develop their theoretical and practical wound management knowledge base through post graduate study.

To be eligible for an education grant, applicants must have been a full member of TWCA for a minimum of 2 consecutive years.

In order to receive this grant, applicants must provide evidence that the study they wish to undertake is either a Graduate Certificate, Diploma, or Masters in Wound Management through a recognised tertiary institution.

- The education grants may be applied for no more than once every three calendar years.
- The amount allocated will be at the discretion of the TWCA committee and will total no more than AU\$1500.
- It will be based on the educational merit of the course & application document.
- The TWCA will take into consideration other sources of funding applied for by the applicant
- It is possible that the total amount offered each year may vary depending on the financial position of the TWCA.
- Applicants need to submit documentation regarding the course and how it may benefit their practice, colleagues and the TWCA.

A budget outlining the cost of the study should be submitted with each application. The budget outline should include:

- course fees
- course curriculum
- costs that will be met by applicants employer
- costs that will be met by an organisation other than TWCA
- costs the applicant will personally cover
- the specific dollar amount requested from TWCA

Receipts will need to be provided to the TWCA to demonstrate the monies provided is used for the purpose it was granted for. Any unused monies must be returned to TWCA.

If an education grant is accepted by the applicant, it will be expected the applicant shall provide a report/review of the course for the TWCA Newsletter DeepesTissues. This will assist dissemination of knowledge to the general TWCA membership and may provide encouragement to others considering post graduate study. The report should be approximately 500 words.

It will also be requested that successful applicants submit an article for publication in the AWMA Journal Primary Intention within twelve months of completion of study. Support will be offered for this process.



The closing date for applications is the 28th April of each year.

APPLICATION FORM- TWCA EDUCATIONAL GRANT

Date:.....

Surname:..... Given name:.....

Postal Address:.....

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Post code: E-mail:

Telephone (work):..... Telephone (home):

Employer/Organisation:

Position:

Year that you joined TWCA.....

Have you applied for or received previous support from TWCA? Yes No

If yes, please state when and what type of support you received:

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Have you applied for funding from any other source? Yes No

If yes, please give details:.....

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Grant amount requested from TWCA \$ (Maximum of \$1500.00)

Please provide detail of your education (attach extra pages if necessary)

Institution	Educational qualification

Please return this form with supporting documents to:

TWCA
PO Box 1759
Hobart 7001

or

info@twca.com.au