

## EDUCATION MEETING WEDNESDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2005

### Pharmacology and wound management

-The effects of drugs on wound healing

Guest speaker: Greg Duncan

Lecturer in Pharmacy Practice: Monash University

Trade display & light refreshments 1845

Education meeting commences 1930

All Welcome

Non members \$5.00 Members & students free

*SAWMA is a multidisciplinary association and is  
non-partisan in its approach to wound products*

*New web address!*  
[www.sawma.org.au](http://www.sawma.org.au)

### DIARY DATES

Education nights  
Wednesday 1845

16 November 2005

15 February 2006  
AGM

Seminar day

Saturday  
22 October 2005

AWMA conference

15-18 March 2006  
Canberra

### EDUCATION NIGHT VENUE: ENTERPRISE HOUSE

136 Greenhill Road, Unley (Undercover parking on site)

30m west of Unley Road. Enter off Greenhill Road between Unley Road and Salisbury Street.

### SAWMA SEMINAR DAY "GOLD, SILVER & MYTH"

(Don't miss out on this exciting seminar. Make sure you've registered!)

Saturday 22 October 2005

Robson Lecture Theatre, RAH

Key note speakers: Dr Michael Woodward & Dr Keryln Carville

SAWMA members & UG students: \$45.00 (Bargain!)

ASTN or SASVN members: \$55.00

Non members: \$125.00

Registration forms available on web site & at August SAWMA education night

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Another year is nearly over, with this being the final newsletter for 2005. The SAWMA committee have been busily working towards our "Gold, Silver & Myth" seminar for Saturday October the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Our seminar program coordinator, Judith Manning, has worked hard to ensure a successful day. We look forward to seeing you there.

Another important date to put in your diary is the 15<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> March, 2006. This is the 6th National Australian Wound Management Association Conference, titled "*Matrix of Wound Care*". It is being held at the National Convention Centre, Canberra. The conference will provide an opportunity for all participants to discuss contemporary treatments, learn about innovative technologies, master new techniques, develop and implement evidence-based research and explore cutting edge wound management. Registration brochures will be distributed in early October 2005 and the last day to qualify for the Early Registration fee is Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2005. For more details, visit the AWMA website at [www.awma.com.au](http://www.awma.com.au)



Our August education meeting was well attended and featured a presentation of the PUPPIES project (Pressure Ulcer Prevention Practices - Integration of Evidence). The project officer, Beth McErlean was our guest speaker and she was supported by Leslie Thomas. The project and recommendations will be available soon on the SA Department of Health Safety and Quality internet site which is located at [www.safetyandquality.sa.gov.au](http://www.safetyandquality.sa.gov.au). You will be able to download documents for use in your health care setting.

The guest speaker for our November education meeting is Greg Duncan, a Lecturer in Pharmacy Practice from Monash University. This will be an informative night that includes an opportunity to share a Christmas drink with friends and colleagues and the chance to win our Christmas raffle.

As this is the last newsletter of the year, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your continued support throughout 2005. A special thank you also to the Trade for their ongoing support of our education evenings and our upcoming seminar.

I wish you all a safe and Happy Christmas.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Margi Moncrieff', is written in a cursive style.

Margi Moncrieff

## WOUND EDUCATION PROGRAMS OFFERED IN S.A.

### University of South Australia School of Nursing & Midwifery

Wound Management Program (9 credit points). Distance education, either on-line or external mode. Commences the first Monday of each week as the participant chooses. Credit may be granted on application in the School of Nursing and Midwifery's accredited programs. Cost on application. Enquires: Tal Ellis Ph 0421 797 727.

### Carmen George. Clinical Nursing Specialist Services

Sessions, study days, mini courses in Wound Management. All designed to meet the needs of your organisation. Also sessions on stoma care and continence management offered. For more information and costs contact Carmen George. Ph 0414 226 779.

### RDNS

Five day internal Wound Management Course. Can be completed as a certificate or 3 unit credit option within the School of Nursing, Flinders University of South Australia. RDNS also offers individualised education programs, sessions and workshops to suit your organisation.

RDNS Master Class in Wound Care runs twice a year and is a full day seminar for practitioners with some prior experience in wound management. Topics vary.

For further information and costs contact RDNS Education Centre Ph 8292 6780.



## UPDATE ON SAWMA WEBSITE

The SAWMA website has been updated and expanded in recent months. If you haven't had a look lately, we encourage you to visit it.

### New website address

SAWMA has a new website address. We hope that it will make it easier to find our site:

[www.sawma.org.au](http://www.sawma.org.au)

If you log on to the old web site you will automatically be redirected to the new address. In time we will discontinue the old address. Please make sure you update your address books and favourites list with the new address. Some office bearers in SAWMA also have a new e mail address:

E mail address:	For issues related to:
<a href="mailto:editor@sawma.org.au">editor@sawma.org.au</a>	Newsletter
<a href="mailto:secretary@sawma.org.au">secretary@sawma.org.au</a>	Committee agenda, correspondence
<a href="mailto:treasurer@sawma.org.au">treasurer@sawma.org.au</a>	Membership fees, financial matters
<a href="mailto:membership@sawma.org.au">membership@sawma.org.au</a>	Membership matters

### Committee profiles

The web site now contains a number of profiles of committee members. As members submit a short biography and photograph, they will be included. We hope this gives you insight into the interests and background of the SAWMA committee members and will help you to recognise these people at education nights and seminars.

## REPORT TO SAWMA ON THE AWMA INAUGURAL VENOUS LEG ULCER CONSENSUS MEETING

This meeting was held at the Parmelia Hilton, Perth, Western Australia on 6 September 2005. Sue Templeton attended as the SAWMA representative.

### Forum speakers:

Professor John Fletcher discussed the need for Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) guidelines which include: risk assessment and recommendations for VTE prophylaxis. He stated that anti-embolic stockings are not appropriate for management of Chronic Venous Insufficiency (CVI). He also stressed the importance of prevention of DVT as this will decrease risk of CVI and ulceration later.

Dr Keryln Carville highlighted the lack of current and Australian data regarding leg ulcer incidence. She outlined the many problems evident in the management of leg ulceration. These include: variance in: practitioner skills; knowledge; resources; organisational policies, and equity in provision of resources and consumables.

A/Professor Michael Woodward reminded the group that simply having Clinical Practice Guidelines does not ensure implementation or practice changes. He stressed the need to develop sound guidelines and promote multifaceted implementation strategies.

Jenny Prentice discussed the process for guideline development and the need to commence dialogue with NHMRC and gain endorsement to proceed.

### AWMA outlined the following phases in the development of Venous Leg Ulcer Clinical Practice Guidelines:

1. a) Business plan – Goals and KRAs  
b) Establish multidisciplinary panel or subcommittee
2. a) Panel / Committee workshop: develop guidelines, literature search etc.  
b) Scoping workshop
3. a) Publication – draft for consultation. Final publication 2008  
b) NHMRC approval  
c) RCNA endorsement
4. a) Dissemination – implementation, marketing, education  
b) Review date

The AWMA role includes developing the business plan, management plan and grants.

### A panel discussion was then held of which the following is a summary:

It was identified that there is need to consider: the scope of the guidelines; international perspectives; implementation; marketing, and education. It was acknowledged that there was need to consider consumer perspectives, the involvement of companies and dissemination and promotion of guidelines following their development.

Finally, a number of consensus statements were voted on. These statements were carried by the majority of AWMA members or representatives in attendance:

1. Develop guidelines for prevention and management of Venous Leg Ulcers.
2. Seek NHMRC approval.
3. Broad consultation with key stakeholders.

## REPORT ON THE INAUGURAL AUSTRALIAN SILVER SYMPOSIUM

This symposium was held at the Parmelia Hilton, Perth, Western Australia on 7 September 2005. The following SAWMA members attended: Sue Templeton, Paul Philcox and Judith Manning.

### *A synopsis of the papers presented:*

The morning was devoted to a number of papers that covered some of the issues regarding the use of silver-containing dressings. Dr Gary Sibbald (Professor of Medicine at the University of Toronto) presented a practice framework for managing wounds and discussed the need for reliable and validated clinical practice guidelines. Professor Rob Burrell, (the inventor of Acticoat) spoke about the need for efficacious products. He stated that there are many variances in laboratory testing methods used to support claims bactericidal effect. He advocated for standardized, valid and reliable laboratory data. Geoff Sussman (Pharmacist from the Wound Foundation and Monash University) presented data on the amount of silver claimed to be available in the silver-containing dressings available in Australia today.

Later, a number of clinicians presented case study papers regarding the clinical benefits of using silver-containing dressings. Finally, a panel discussion involving clinicians and company/product representatives was held. The trade was also well represented, with each of the companies that manufacture or distribute silver-containing dressings having a stand.

### *Overview of the issues:*

Whilst there is no doubt silver-containing dressings can bring enhanced patient outcomes, it was obvious there are still many issues for discussion and debate. It seems that throughout the world there remains an urgent need for more research on silver-containing dressings. This research needs to encompass: how much silver is needed to be bactericidal in a wound environment; what delivery method/s are best; what wounds should silver be used on and how long silver-containing dressings should be used for. There was also discussion regarding the possible development of bacterial resistance in the future and the need, therefore to use silver-containing dressings judiciously.

### *Where to from here:*

**At the close of the meeting a number of consensus statements were proposed regarding the use of silver-containing dressings. These consensus statements will be published in the November 2005 issue of Primary Intention for AWMA/state members to comment on. The entire edition of the November 2005 Primary Intention will be devoted to exploring the silver-containing dressing phenomenon.**



*Silver: the magic bullet?*

### *Author's comments:*

This is an exciting time in wound management. New dressing technologies such as silver-containing dressings are giving health practitioners easily accessible tools to assist in combating the problem of bioburden to improve patient outcomes. However, as educated practitioners working with increasingly complex choices for wound treatment options we must also always ensure that products are safe, efficacious, independently tested and supported and financially sustainable.

*Sue Templeton, SAWMA Vice President*

## AWMA NEWS RELEASE NO. 2 AUGUST 2005

### *Matters arising from the AWMA Committee Meeting 30 and 31 July 2005*

*(Editor's note: parts of this report which are now outdated have been deleted or altered to reflect the current situation. A full copy of the original report is available on request)*

### *Open Forum Inaugural Venous Leg Ulcer Consensus Meeting*

AWMA hosted the above Forum at the Parmelia Hilton, Mill St Perth Western Australia, on Tuesday, 6 September, 2005 5pm -8pm. The Forum, which was held in accordance with NHMRC requirements for the development of clinical practice guidelines, will assist in determining the need and processes for developing national guidelines for the prevention and management of venous leg ulcers secondary to chronic venous insufficiency.

*(Editor's note: please see report on this meeting within this issue)*

### *Constitution*

A postal referendum on proposed changes to the Constitution is being organised to coincide with the distribution of the August edition of Primary Intention.

### *AWMA Co-hosted Conference Canberra 15-18 March 2006*

Abstract submissions closed on 23 September 2005. The categories for presentations were: Education and Best Practice; Evaluation; Clinical Practice; Research and Innovation. Poster abstracts were also welcomed. A number of international and national guest speakers have been confirmed. The Registration brochure will be circulated in Primary Intention in November 2005. Details of the conference and registration of interest can be found on the Association's website [www.awma.com.au](http://www.awma.com.au)

### *AWMA Fellow*

The AWMA Fellowship recognises outstanding contributions to the AWMA or wound management in Australia and the Asia Pacific region. Nominations received from members via state committees are currently being considered by the subcommittee. The inauguration of the AWMA Fellowship will occur at the AWMA co-hosted conference, Canberra 2006.

### *Membership Kit*

Development of the CD Rom for inclusion in the Membership Kit for new members is progressing steadily. The draft version demonstrated was well received. Following the launch of the CD at the Conference in March 2006, it will be made available to state membership officers for distribution to new members. Ideas as to what could be included on the CD Rom are welcomed.

### *Accrediting of Wound Management Courses*

The Education Sub-committee continues to investigate processes for accrediting Australian wound management courses.

### *National Institute of Clinical Studies (NICS)*

The AWMA has met with representatives from the NICS to discuss ways in which the two organisations can collaborate in the field of wound management. We look forward to keeping you apprised of events.

### *Royal College of Nursing Australia (RCNA)*

The RCNA have endorsed the Association's Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Prediction and Prevention of Pressure Ulcers and Standards for Wound Management.

Jenny Prentice, AWMA President

## YOUR INPUT AND FEEDBACK WANTED

At SAWMA we value the input of our members. We would welcome any feedback or information that would better help meet your needs. Remember, without your input we will have to guess what you want!

Please consider filling out this form (or part of it) and returning it to the SAWMA committee. A box will be available at the November education night for return of the form or it can be posted to: SAWMA Box 71, Rundle Mall, Adelaide, SA, 5000.

*Education nights / Seminar 2006:* What topics would you like to hear about next year?

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*Web site:* The web site has been extensively upgraded in 2005 and will continue to evolve. We would love to hear any ideas you have for improving the web site even more.

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*Publications, achievements etc.* We love to celebrate the achievements of our members. If you have published any articles, attended any wound management conferences you would like to report on, or want to share any achievements you have made in wound management, please tell us. Don't forget to include your name!

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*Any other feedback, opportunities for improvement or comments welcome!*

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Thank you very much for taking the time to assist your SAWMA

## IMPORTANT DATES:

2005: SASVN Education nights

2006: 15-18 March: AWMA 6<sup>th</sup> national conference

'Matrix of Wound Care', Canberra


[www.awma.com.au](http://www.awma.com.au)

2008: 3<sup>rd</sup> World Union of Wound Healing Societies Meeting

Toronto, Canada

This newsletter aims to share information about contemporary issues in wound management. We welcome your contributions, resources, tips, case studies etc.

Submit contributions to the editor  
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