

Education Meeting

Wednesday 10 May 2006

'Soft Spots & Hard Centres'

A combined Wound Management & Orthopaedic evening

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*

Diary dates

*Education nights
Wednesday 1845*

10 May 2006

9 August 2006

8 November 2006

Education night speakers

*Dr Linda Ferris: Orthopaedic consultant
Charcot foot*

*Ms Cheryl Kimber: Nurse Practitioner:
Orthopaedics FMC Fracture Blisters*

Ms Belinda Fowlie: CNC Plastic

*Surgery & Orthopaedics FMC A case study:
Orthopaedic, soft tissue injuries and reconstruction*

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.

President's report

At the AGM in February, we welcomed Cecelia Baron to the SAWMA committee. I'm sure her knowledge, skills and wound management interest, will offer a valuable contribution to the committee. Chris Bashford, Janet Vincent and Carmen George were also re-nominated as committee members. Michael Arthur was re-nominated as Membership Officer, Paul Philcox as Treasurer and Andrea Smallman was nominated as Secretary. I wish to thank the outgoing secretary, Janet Vincent, for all her hard work over the last two years in this demanding and challenging position.

Our May education meeting is a combined meeting with the South Australian Orthopedic Nurse's Association (SAON). Our guest speakers include Dr. Linda Ferris, Orthopedic Surgeon, Cheryl Kimber, a Nurse Practitioner in Orthopedics and Belinda Fowle, CNC of the Orthopedic and Plastics ward. Topics covered will include Charcot foot, fracture blister management and a case study that journeys the continuum of care, of both orthopaedic and plastic surgery. The evening will provide a stimulating and educational forum.

The "Matrix of Wound Care" National conference in Canberra in March 2006 was both inspiring and motivating. It offered an opportunity to explore the cutting edge of wound management and to network with interstate colleagues and friends. For our August education night, SAWMA will present a summary of the highlights, key issues and topics, so that we bring the conference to our members who could not attend.

While on the topic of conferences, the next AWMA hosted conference will be in beautiful, sunny Darwin, in May 2008. Now there's a date for your diary!

Keep your ideas coming of any topics that you would like to be included at our education evenings. Remember there is an evaluation slip available at each education meeting or alternatively you can visit our website and email suggestions from there. We want to meet your needs and interests but need your participation to identify key subject matter.



With Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Margi Moncrieff'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized 'M' and 'G'.

Margi Moncrieff

Conference Report

International and national delegates thronged to the Convention Centre, Canberra for the 6th National AWMA Conference in March this year, and once again it proved to be stimulating throughout.

There were fantastic speakers. Some names you will be familiar with, and some you won't. Here is a brief overview of the keynote speakers:

- Paul Banwell, a plastic surgeon from the U.K. with a particular interest in Topical Negative Pressure Therapy (VAC®) was brilliant and riveting. If ever you get the opportunity to, listen to him;
- Fiona Wood, an Oz name you'll all know, from the Burns Unit at Royal Perth Hospital is just an amazing woman;
- Keith Harding, a leader in wound healing research from the U.K., who also spoke at the inaugural conference in Perth, was, as always humorous and inspiring;
- Keryln Carville, again a person you are likely to be familiar with, as a nursing leader in Australian wound management;
- Susan Mendez-Eastman, an American wound care specialist par excellence, with great experiences to pass on;
- Gerit Mulder, a doctor from the U.S.A. who specialises in foot problems due to diabetes;
- Donald MacClellan a well known Australian vascular surgeon; and
- Steven Percival, a microbiologist from the U.K. (how do you make microbiology interesting?) spoke to packed houses in his concurrent sessions.

And those were to name but a few! Which concurrent session to attend was a dilemma!

Trade displays filled the Exhibition Hall at the Centre: a multitude of products to sample and find out about: just about everything related to wound care was represented.

There were numerous opportunities to network with friends and colleagues. The majority of the 500 registrants were nurses, and this presented a chance to form new acquaintances, exchange information, ideas and contact details. The conference dinner was held in the Great Hall at Parliament House. This provided a stunning venue. A band kept many delegates dancing all night, including our own Sharon Bradley (from TQEH) who took to the stage in an impromptu duet with the lead singer! Unfortunately we had to leave by midnight. However, as it was St Patrick's day many delegates partied until the wee small hours.

Highlight May 2008 in you diaries, because Darwin (site of the next AWMA Conference) has a huge act to follow! As a delegate of every AWMA conference to date I learned an enormous amount in Canberra. Topical Negative Pressure Therapy, aka VAC® dressings, (KCI was a primary sponsor) were very evident, with extremely interesting information, and there were some excellent workshops. Aetiology, wound bed preparation, and diabetic ulcers were topical, as was microbiology, with costly silver dressings both the quandary and focus.

I urge any of you who can to attend these conferences! They present an amazing opportunity for us all to learn, question, network, and improve our practice.

Chris Bashford, 28 March 2006.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Tal Ellis** who was made an inaugural AWMA Fellow at the recent AWMA 6th National Conference. Tal's tireless work for wound management including his involvement in establishing AWMA and SAWMA was acknowledged with this new, prestigious award. The award recognizes Tal for his leadership, enthusiasm and participation in wound management. Well done Tal!

Congratulations to **Sue Templeton** who was awarded the Comfeel literary prize at the 6th National AWMA Conference in Canberra. Sue was awarded the prize for the best review or case study article in Primary Intention in 2005 for her article: "Management of chronic wounds: The role of silver-containing dressings". This prize is awarded for literary excellence by AWMA and is generously supported by Coloplast. The prize is \$1000. Well done Sue!

Congratulations to three South Australians who took up new positions on the AWMA Committee. The active involvement of these dynamic and knowledgeable SAWMA members will contribute to the growth and reputation of the AWMA committee as the premier wound management organisation in Australia. The AWMA committee positions taken by SAWMA members are:

<i>Vice President:</i>	<i>Tal Ellis</i>
<i>Membership Officer</i>	<i>Paul Philcox</i>
<i>SA state Representative</i>	<i>Sue Templeton</i>

Well done Tal, Paul and Sue!

Thank you

Whilst **Paul Philcox** remains on the AWMA Committee as the new Membership Officer, he has relinquished his position as SA representative. Many thanks are extended to Paul for his work on the AWMA Committee in representing the views of SAWMA members. He has been the communication link between state and national committees. In particular, thanks must be extended to Paul for his significant contribution to the new AWMA Constitution. The revision of this document was time-consuming and, at times challenging. Paul's professionalism and efforts are greatly appreciated. Thank you Paul.

The AWMA Committee extends its thanks to **Judith Manning** for her commitment to the role of AWMA Secretary over the last few years. (Judith has very kindly agreed to remain Secretary until after the April 2006 AWMA Committee meeting). The role of secretary is demanding and involves typing AWMA Committee Meeting minutes, organising agendas, filing official documents, and dealing with mountains of correspondence. Through Judith's patience, skill and dedication to this role the AWMA Committee has run smoothly and efficiently. Thank you Judith.

It's fantastic to have so many SA greats!

Wound education programs 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.

Upcoming education opportunities

RDNS Master Class in Wound Care: "The Cutting Edge"

Wednesday 24 May 2006.

Leading speakers will present a variety of topics including: Hyperbaric oxygen therapy, Topical Negative Pressure Therapy (VAC®) and New wound products.

This full day program is aimed at practitioners with some prior wound management experience.

Enquiries and bookings are through the RDNS Education Centre: (08) 8292 6780

Ausmed Publications: Wound Management "The next step" A symposium for nurses

Monday 8 May 2006 – Tuesday 9 May 2006

Well-renowned speakers will present this two day seminar aimed at practitioners wanting to build on existing wound management skills and knowledge.

Topics include: Evidence based practice, Advanced dressing products and Unusual pathologies.

Enquiries and bookings can be made via Ausmed Publications: (03) 9375 7311.



Evidence Based Practice Workshops

The Australian Centre for Evidence Based Clinical Practice (ACEBCP) is holding a number of workshops in Adelaide over the next few months.

15-16 May 2006

The ACEBCP is hosting its next two day ***“Introduction to evidence based clinical practice”*** workshop at the Education Development Centre, Hindmarsh. This is an introductory workshop and will cover topics including:

- How to frame a research question,
- Locating best evidence to clinical questions using the web,
- How to appraise evidence for validity and clinical relevance,
- How to apply and evaluate implementation of evidence,
- Principles of clinical audit, and
- Supporting and sustaining evidence based practice in the work environment.

Clinicians, managers and educators from all health disciplines are encouraged to attend. Places are limited to 40.

Registration fee is \$660 (including GST) and the closing date for applications is Thursday 13 April.

27-28 June 2006

The ACEBCP is hosting a one and a half day ***“Workshop program on clinical audit”***. The first session is interactive and provides an overview of the role of clinical audit in practice, evaluation, common mistakes people make when auditing and advice on better ways to audit. The second session will introduce the Auditmaker tool and is especially designed to help participants develop a clinical audit using the Auditmaker program. Participants can access online support for one month in the use of Auditmaker following this workshop. Places are limited to 28.

Registration fee is \$660 (including GST).

24 July 2006

The ACEBCP is holding a half day (0900-1300) ***“Auditmaker advanced training session”***. This is a hands-on training workshop for users of the Auditmaker program. This workshop builds on knowledge and skills gained in the previous workshop. It is a pre-requisite that participants already have an audit set up and data entered that can be brought on the day. Using this data previously entered in Auditmaker, the workshop will demonstrate how to use the advanced functions of the program and customise reports, charts, graphs and charts that will enable participants to present the findings of their clinical audit. Places are limited to 14. Registration fee is \$385 (including GST).

For further information please contact Kylie Ward: Admin and events coordinator for ACEBCP on (08) 8204 6061 or email kylie.ward@fmc.sa.gov.au or visit the web site at www.acebcp.org.au to download the full program details.

Important dates:

2006: SASVN Education nights

May 23: Carotid stenting, August 5: Seminar Day – Venous disease,

October 31: 'Nasties night' – infection / antimicrobial dressings

2008 3rd World Union of Wound Healing Societies Meeting

Toronto, Canada

2008 May 7-10: 7th National Conference of the Australian Wound Management Association, Darwin

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

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