Programme

Evidence based strategies for improving the clinical and economic outcomes of challenging wounds

**Invited Chair: Professor Gregory Schultz**
UF Research Foundation Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Director of the Institute for Wound Research at the University of Florida

**Date:** 28 – 29 September 2017  
**Venue:** Swissôtel, Berlin, Germany

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Across Europe, and in fact the world, the demand for healthcare resources continues to grow, as the demographics change, long term conditions become more prevalent and patient expectations rise.

The treatment of wounds now constitutes a major part of the total healthcare budget. It is often believed that the use of wound dressings per se is the major cost driver in wound management, whereas in fact nursing time and hospital costs are together responsible for around 80-85% of the total cost\(^1\).

The management of complicated and challenging wounds places a significant burden on healthcare systems, with wound care now taking up a significant amount of community nurses’ time\(^2\).

Time to healing, frequency of dressing changes and complications such as biofilms and infection are the 3 main drivers that determine the level of resources used in wound care, and these are the first things to look at when trying to make wound care more efficient. In this expert meeting we will explore the burden, the solutions and the impact of each of these three areas in greater detail.

The use and efficacy of NPWT is well established for challenging and complex wounds both in the acute and community setting and new evidence is emerging on the role of Single Use Negative Pressure Wound Therapy for challenging wounds. Some of this new emerging evidence as well as the latest evidence based protocols for NPWT will also be presented at this meeting.
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Invited faculty

Dr Caroline Dowsett
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Wound Care Specialist Nurse, Aarhus and Samsee Municipalities, Denmark

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Wound Ostomy Continence Nurse Clinician, Vancouver Coastal Health - Lions Gate Hospital, Canada

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Advanced Podiatrist and Team Leader, Southport and Ormskirk NHS Trust, UK

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Preliminary agenda and presentation topics

Day 1 - Thursday 28 September

Registrations
Welcome lunch will be served from 11:45

Meeting starts at 13:00

Session 1 - Plenary

• Chair's welcome and introduction
• The cost of challenging wounds
• Key Note Lecture: The Past, Present and Future of Wound Care

Break

Session 2 - Parallel workshop sessions

• Appropriate use of antimicrobials
• Biofilms and how to manage them
• Kick starting hard-to-heal wounds
• Wound assessment for targeted wound care
• Session summary by Chair

Meeting ends at 18:00

Dinner

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Day 2 - Friday 29 September

Meeting opens at 08:30

Session 3 - Reducing the incidence of wound complications

- Introduction to day 2
- The use of the MolecuLight i:X™ in managing the bacterial load in burns patients
- The Biofilm Consensus Guidelines
- Effect of cadexomer iodine on the microbial load in biofilm complicated non-healing diabetic foot ulcers
- Session discussion

Break

Session 4 - Accelerating healing time and optimising dressing change frequency

- Use of PICO to improve clinical and economic outcomes in hard-to-heal wounds
- The use of NPWT in the treatment of pilonidal sinus
- The economic benefit of reducing dressing changes by implementation of advanced wound dressings
- Patient and economic benefits of advanced wound dressings
- Session discussion

- **Key Note Lecture**: The ultimate challenging wounds - Learnings from the military
- Chair’s closing remarks

Meeting closes at 12:30

Lunch and departures

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Expert meeting and accommodation venue

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