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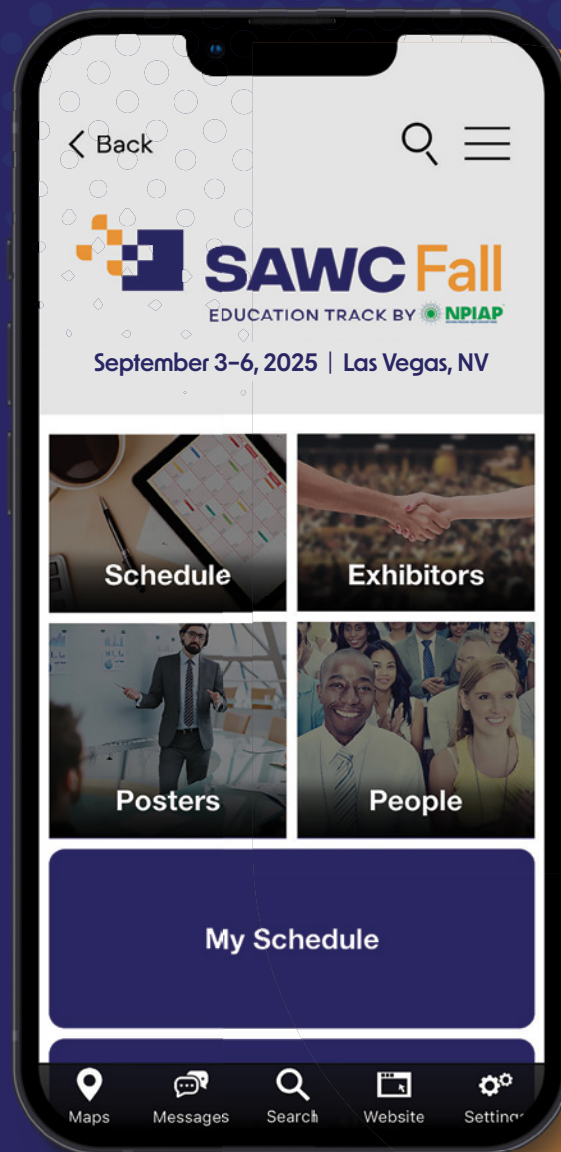
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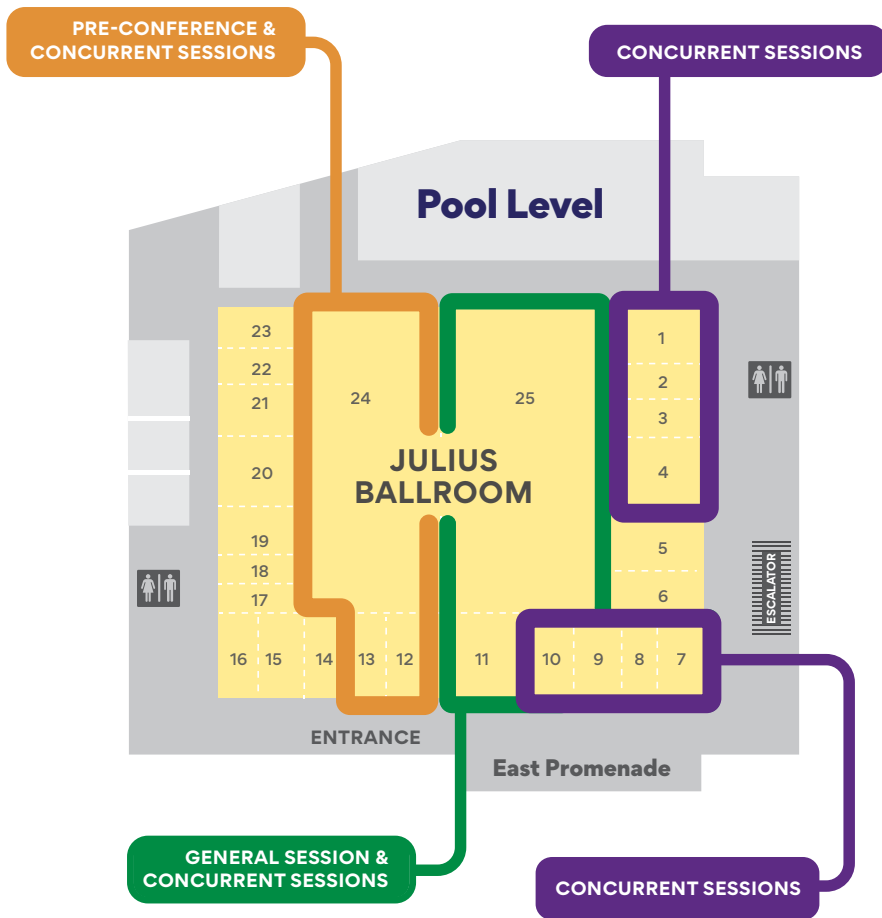
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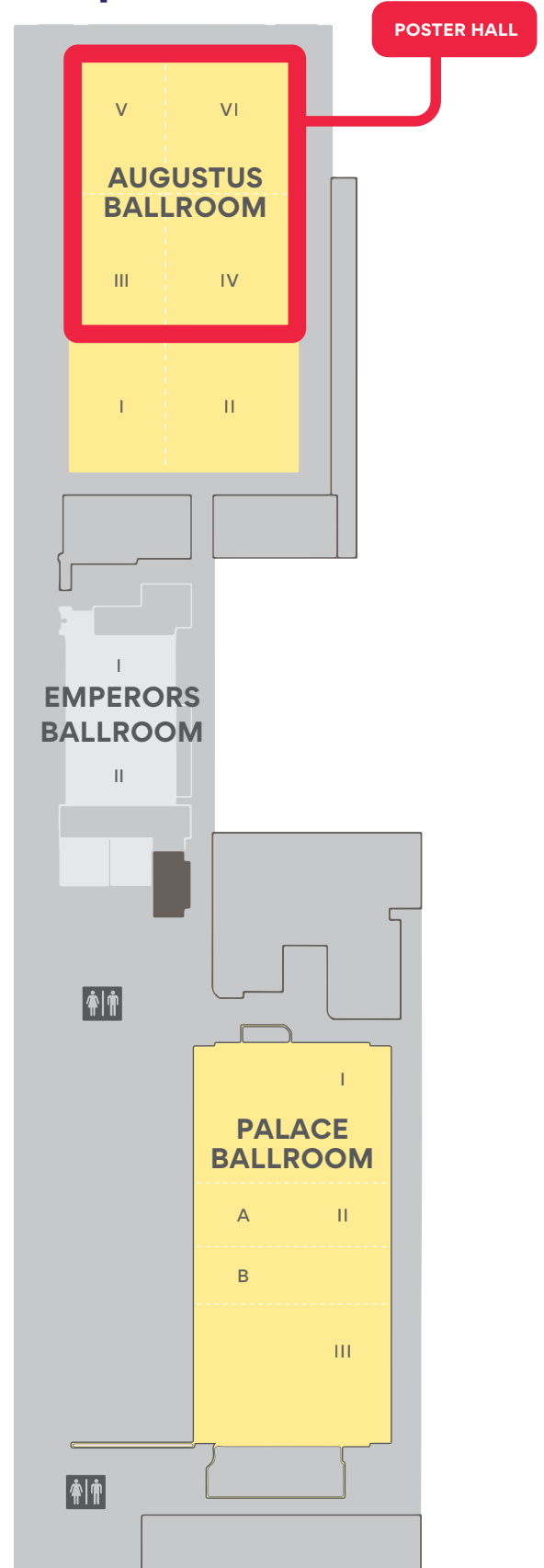
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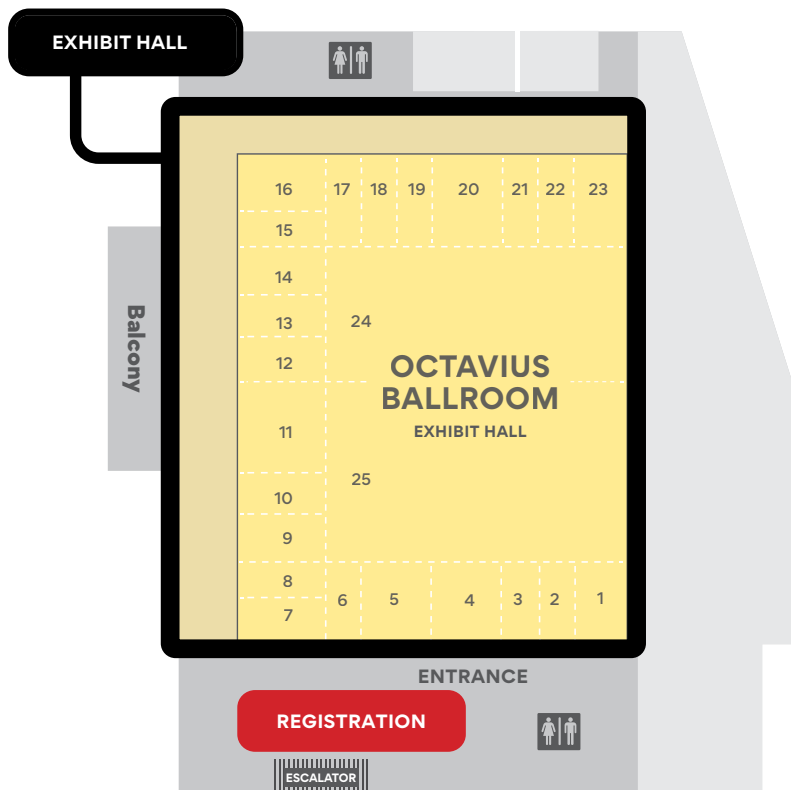
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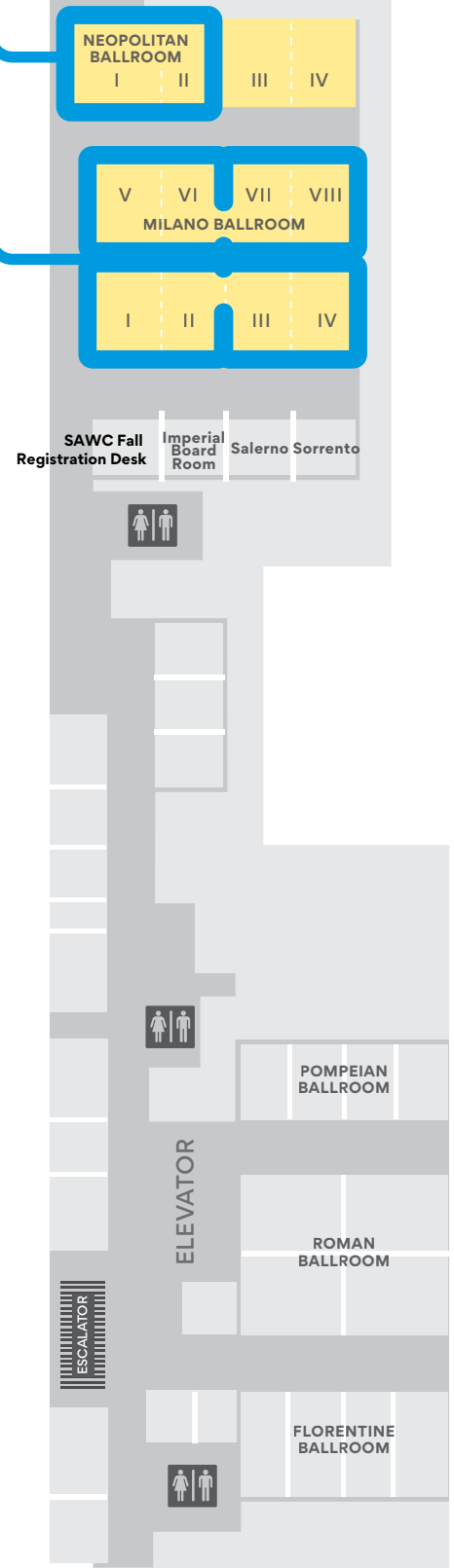
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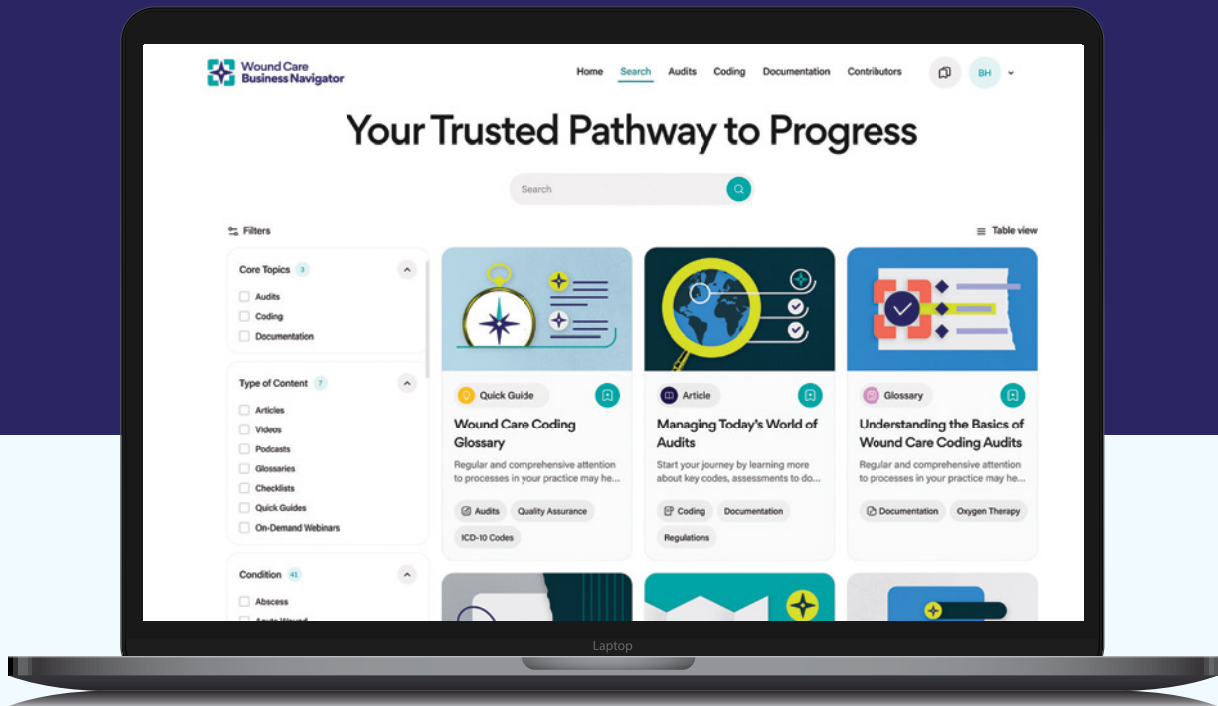
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Wednesday September 3 | Preconference

- 8:00 AM–12:00 PM.....Accredited Industry-Supported
Preconference
- 12:10 PM–1:10 PM.....Innovation Theater Lunch
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limited and available first-come, first-served.*
- 1:20 PM–3:20 PM.....Accredited Industry-Supported
Preconference
- 3:30 PM–5:20 PM.....Accredited Industry-Supported
Preconference
- 5:30 PM–7:00 PM.....Innovation Theater Dinner
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Thursday September 4 | Day 1

- 7:30 AM–9:00 AM.....Innovation Theater Breakfasts
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- 9:10 AM–11:30 AMEducational Sessions
- 11:40 AM–1:10 PMInnovation Theater Lunches
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- 1:20 PM–4:40 PMEducational Sessions
- 1:20 PM–4:40 PM.....Accredited Industry-Supported
Workshop
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- 4:45 PM–6:45 PMGrand Opening of Exhibit Hall
and Cocktail Reception
Cocktails and hours d'oeuvres will be served.

Friday September 5 | Day 2

- 7:30 AM–9:00 AM.....Accredited Industry-Supported Symposia
and Innovation Theater Breakfasts
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- 8:00 AM–4:00 PMPoster Viewing
- 9:10 AM–10:10 AMEducational Sessions
- 10:20 AM–12:30 PM.....Accredited Industry-Supported Symposia
- 12:30 PM–3:00 PM.....Lunch With Exhibitors
Lunch will be served until 2:00 PM.
- 3:10 PM–4:45 PM.....RAPID FIRE Educational Sessions
- 3:10 PM–6:15 PMAccredited Industry-Supported Workshop
- 4:55 PM–5:55 PMRAPID FIRE Poster Talks
- 6:15 PM–7:30 PMPoster Reception
Cocktails and hours d'oeuvres will be served.
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Saturday September 6 | Day 3

- 7:30 AM–9:00 AM.....Innovation Theater Breakfasts
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- 9:10 AM–11:20 AM.....Educational Sessions
- 11:30 AM–12:30 PM.....Innovation Spotlight and Innovation
Theater Workshops
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- 12:30 PM–2:00 PM.....Lunch With Exhibitors
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- 2:10 PM–4:20 PMEducational Sessions

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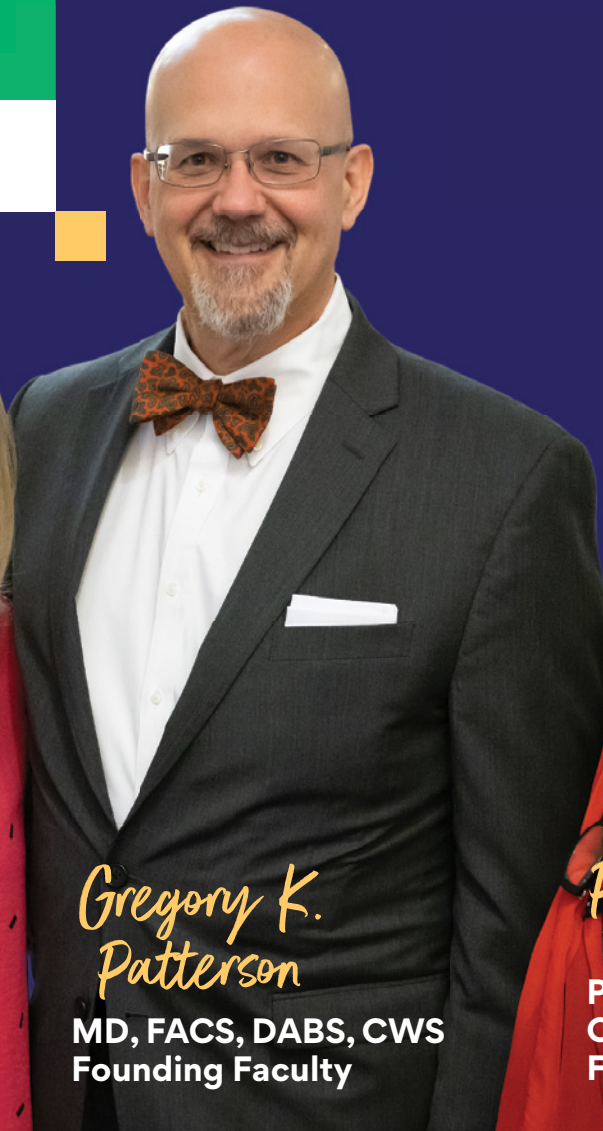
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8:00 AM–12:00 PM

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OBJECTIVES

- Examine the evolution of Negative Pressure Wound Therapy (NPWT) and identify the latest advancements shaping current clinical practice
- Differentiate among NPWT technologies and apply an evidence-based, algorithmic approach to selecting appropriate therapies based on wound characteristics, patient needs, and care setting transitions
- Evaluate the science and clinical utility of novel peel-and-place dressings, including identifying wound types best suited for this technology
- Demonstrate advanced application techniques for NPWT, including instillation therapy, incision management, and the use of hybrid drapes
- Describe effective care transition strategies for NPWT, with a focus on optimizing outcomes using portable and adaptable technologies across acute and post-acute settings
- Analyze real-world case scenarios to explore the NPWT toolkit and implement step-down therapy strategies that support wound progression and closure

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ACCREDITED INDUSTRY-SUPPORTED PRECONFERENCE

1:20 PM–3:20 PM

Leg Ulcer & Compression Day: The Four C's Redefining the Standard of Care

PRESENTERS: HEATHER L. BARNHART, PT, PHD, CWS, CLT-LANA, CLWT; KAREN L. BAUER, DNP, CWS, FAAWC; CAROLINE FIFE, MD; LOAN LAM, DPM, FAWPHC, FAPWCA, CWSF, CHWS, CLWT

OBJECTIVES

- Explain the importance of compression therapy as a standard of care in managing venous ulcers and phlebolympheidema, despite its underutilization
- Demonstrate knowledge of the “Three C’s” of effective compression therapy—consistency, continuity, and comfort—and recognize how advances in materials and application techniques can address these critical factors
- Assess the role of compression in controlling lymphedema and preventing further venous ulcerations, including its impact on peri-ulcer skin health
- Describe the emerging concept of the “Fourth C” (Cutis—a Latin name for Dermis) and articulate how compression therapy may positively influence skin microcirculation and dermal health beyond ulcer closure

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ACCREDITED INDUSTRY-SUPPORTED PRECONFERENCE

3:30 PM–5:20 PM

Wound Infection Day: From Guidelines to the Frontlines of Infection Management

PRESENTERS: KARA COUCH, MS, CRNP, CWCN-AP, FAAWC; SUJAY DUTTA, MD; DOT WEIR, RN, CWON, CWS

OBJECTIVES

- Explain the patient centric drivers of wound colonization/infection today
- Determine if there are gradations of contamination that be agreed upon, categorize the levels of microbes in the wound, and differentiate modes of management for wounds contaminated at various levels
- Assess current techniques, in both the in-patient and out-patient settings, to determine levels of contamination and identify which method to use and when

- Determine the relationship between slough removal and issues around wound colonization
- Explain the role of antimicrobial barrier/preservative agents and how to critically assess their efficacy in the management of bioburden
- Examine new and emerging supportive technologies for slough/debris/microbe removal including hypochlorous acid preserved cleansers, and charged fiber technology for RCT supported autolytic and physical removal of slough
- Explore illustrative case-studies on wound colonization/infection/slough management and application of current strategies

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Thursday September 4

ACCREDITED INDUSTRY-SUPPORTED WORKSHOP

1:20 PM–4:40 PM

Navigating Complex Wounds: An Immersive, Hands-On Workshop for Advanced Care

PRESENTERS: MICHAEL N. DESVIGNE, MD, FACS, CWS, FACCWS; SUSIE SEAMAN, NP, MSN, CWCN, CWS

MODERATOR: PAMELA SCARBOROUGH, PT, DPT, CWS

OBJECTIVES

- Define complex wounds and identify contributing factors—such as comorbid conditions, infection, and tissue damage—that impact healing and inform treatment strategies
- Describe the role of debridement in complex wound management, including its impact on wound bed preparation, infection prevention, and the promotion of healthy tissue regeneration
- Evaluate the role of advanced dressings, skin substitutes, negative pressure wound therapy (NPWT), and topical oxygen therapy (TOT) in promoting healing outcomes in complex and chronic wounds
- Explain the role of compression therapy in managing complex lower extremity wounds, including its effects on circulation, swelling reduction, and wound healing
- Demonstrate the application of enhanced dressings, novel debridement tools, compression therapy, NPWT, skin substitutes, and topical oxygen therapy to effectively manage complex wounds

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No pre-registration is required for Innovation Theaters, Industry-Supported Symposia, and the Thurs./Fri./Sat. Hands-on Workshops. Space is limited and available first-come, first-served.

Friday September 5

ACCREDITED INDUSTRY-SUPPORTED SYMPOSIUM BREAKFAST

7:30 AM–9:00 AM

Healing Beyond Wound Origin: Managing Biological and Social Impediments to Healing

PRESENTERS: R. DANIEL DAVIS, DPM; DANIEL L. KAPP, MD

OBJECTIVES

- Analyze the impact of psychosocial factors on wound care outcomes, including patient compliance
- Examine the principles of effective wound treatment by addressing underlying etiologic factors and focusing management on healing impediments rather than wound origin
- Analyze case outcomes addressing psychosocial factors and healing barriers, emphasizing their impact over wound origin

Supported by an educational grant from Organogenesis Inc.

ACCREDITED INDUSTRY-SUPPORTED SYMPOSIUM

10:20 AM–11:20 AM

Multidisciplinary Approaches to Wound Bed Preparation: Bridging Wound Healing and the Reconstruction Ladder

PRESENTERS: ABIGAIL E. CHAFFIN, MD, FACS, CWSP, MAPWCA; KARA COUCH, MS, CRNP, CWCN-AP, FAAWC; MICHAEL N. DESVIGNE, MD, FACS, CWS, FACCWS

OBJECTIVES

- Define the concept of wound bed preparation and explain its role in the wound healing process
- Explain how clinicians can benefit from maintaining a clean wound bed between episodes of sharp surgical debridement—and, in some cases, facilitating wound closure without the need for sharp debridement
- Examine how wound bed preparation, utilizing specialized cleansers and advanced slough-removal technologies, contributes to optimizing the use of the reconstructive ladder
- Explore case studies that illustrate the multidisciplinary approach to wound bed preparation across diverse clinical settings, healing wounds without needless climbing of the reconstructive ladder to get to healing

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ACCREDITED INDUSTRY-SUPPORTED
SYMPOSIUM

10:20 AM–11:20 PM

A Clean, Cover, and Close Approach to Chronic Wounds: Integrating Patient-Centric Care and Reimbursement

PRESENTERS: LEE GOLDSTEIN, MD, FACS; ERICH S. LEMKER, MD; RODNEY LINDSAY, MD

OBJECTIVES

- Investigate the potential of collagenase in enhancing the pro-ECM response in chronic wounds through macrophage conversion to a fibroblast-like state
- Evaluate the impact of advanced therapies utilizing placental allografts on health outcomes for chronic wounds, supported by recent big data research findings and optimal reimbursement strategies
- Analyze the mechanism of action and clinical applications of single-use Negative Pressure Wound Therapy (NPWT) across the continuum and transitions of care
- Explore illustrative case-studies leveraging a clean, cover, and close method, integrating advanced therapies for optimal healing outcomes

Supported by an educational grant from Smith & Nephew.

ACCREDITED INDUSTRY-SUPPORTED
SYMPOSIUM

11:30 AM–12:30 PM

Current of Care: Navigating Patient Access and Documentation Demands for Success with Fish Skin

PRESENTERS: JOHN LANTIS, MD; KATHLEEN SCHAUM, MS; MARK SUSKI, MD, FACS

OBJECTIVES

- Outline the biological properties and mechanisms of action of fish skin grafts, detailing their role in supporting wound healing across diverse clinical scenarios
- Review the clinical evidence validating the use of fish skin grafts, highlighting successful outcomes via case studies
- Explore the challenges associated with navigating patient access to advanced modalities, particularly within the evolving Medicare landscape
- Explain the documentation requirements essential for securing coverage of advanced modalities and ensuring compliance

Supported by an educational grant from Kerecis.

ACCREDITED INDUSTRY-SUPPORTED
SYMPOSIUM

11:30 AM–12:30 PM

Precision in Practice: Exploring Bioinks and Adipose Grafting for the Next Generation of Soft Tissue Repair

PRESENTERS: MICHAEL N. DESVIGNE, MD, FACS, CWS, FACCWS; VINCENT LI, MD, MBA; MUNIER M.S. NAZZAL, MD, MBA, FRCS(UK), FACS, RVT, RPVI, FACC WS

OBJECTIVES

- Explore the potential of micronized adipose tissue for regenerative medicine, including how tissue micronizing devices function and the composition, properties, and applications of bioinks in 3D bioprinting for soft tissue repair
- Assess current scientific research, device innovations, and clinical outcomes associated with the use of 3D-printed adipose tissue matrix grafts and future implications in wound care and reconstructive surgery
- Analyze real-world case studies demonstrating the application of adipose tissue grafting techniques across diverse wound types and clinical treatment settings

Supported by an educational grant from Tides Medical.

HANDS-ON SKILLS LAB

3:10 PM–6:15 PM



Pressure Injury Prevention and Management Mini-Symposium and Hands-On Workshop

3:10 PM–4:10 PM

NPIAP: Pressure Injury Healing: A 3-Legged Stool

MODERATOR/SPEAKER: JOYCE BLACK, PHD, RN

CO-PRESENTERS: MICHELE DEPPISCH, PT, CWS, FACCWS; SAMUEL NWAFOR, MD, FACP, FAPWCA

Pressure injury, like all other wounds, needs multimodal management. The concept of a 3-legged stool has been used. This session will discuss how the 3 legs must be addressed: (1) remove the etiology of the wound, in this case alter the pressure applied to the injured skin and soft tissues (2) increase the protein and calorie intake to provide substrate for cellular reproduction and (3) apply the proper topical products to reduce or treat infection as well as promote tissue growth.

4:20 PM–6:15 PM

Hands-On Skills Lab

MODERATOR: PAMELA SCARBOROUGH, PT, DPT, CWS

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Wednesday September 3 | Preconference

8:00 AM–12:00 PM

ACCREDITED INDUSTRY-SUPPORTED PRECONFERENCE

Hands-On Mastery of NPWT: Innovations, Technologies, and Transitioning Care Across Settings

Supported by an educational grant from Solventum, Medical Surgical Business.

Pre-registration is required. Additional space is limited and available first-come, first-served.

12:10 PM–1:10 PM

INNOVATION THEATER LUNCH

No pre-registration is required. Space is limited and available first-come, first-served.

1:20 PM–3:20 PM

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3:30 PM–5:20 PM

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5:30 PM–7:00 PM

INNOVATION THEATER DINNER

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Thursday September 4 | Day 1

7:30 AM–9:00 AM

INNOVATION THEATER BREAKFASTS

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9:10 AM–9:20 AM

OPENING CEREMONY

9:20 AM–10:20 AM

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Believe in Better

SPEAKER: Cam Ayala

Join us for an inspiring session at SAWC Fall where Cam Ayala—above-knee amputee and unshakable Texan—pulls back the curtain on his raw, redemptive journey through life with primary lymphedema and the grit it took to rise after amputation. With no script but with scars that speak louder than words, Cam takes us from hospital beds to hope, reminding us that pain might shape you, but it sure doesn't define you. It's not just a speech—it's a soul revival for anyone who's ever been told they won't make it.

10:30 AM–11:30 AM

FOUR CONCURRENT SESSIONS: CHOOSE ONE

Clinical Pearls and Mobile Wound Care: Bringing Care to the Patient

MODERATOR/SPEAKER: PAMELA SCARBOROUGH, PT, DPT, CWS

CO-PRESENTERS: AMANDA ESTAPA, APRN, CWS, FACCWS, DAPWCA; SHAWN NAQVI, MD

The delivery of wound care—including evaluation, treatment, and the current use of advanced modalities—within a patient's place of residence has expanded significantly in recent years. This session will outline the foundational framework for providing mobile wound care services, discuss the advantages and common challenges providers groups face, and examine key regulatory and reimbursement considerations that influence care delivery in post-acute care settings.



NPIAP: Differential Diagnosis and Early Detection

MODERATOR/SPEAKER: SAMUEL NWAFOR, MD, FACP, FAPWCA

This presentation explores the intricacies and challenges in accurately diagnosing pressure injuries by distinguishing them from other conditions which may bear semblance to them on clinical examination. Using multiple actual clinical case studies, this discussion aims to equip the wound professional with the necessary tools, knowledge, and practical strategies to improve diagnostic accuracy and early detection of pressure injuries and avoid the pitfalls of misdiagnosis.

PAWSIC: AI in Wound Care: A Critical Examination of Promise, Perils, and the Path Forward

MODERATOR/SPEAKER: JEANINE R. MAGUIRE, PHD, MS, MPT, FAAC, CWS
CO-PRESENTERS: JAMES BOIANI, ESQ; SUNITA MISHRA, MD; SAM MUPPALLA

Artificial intelligence (AI) is rapidly transforming healthcare, offering the potential to revolutionize wound management. This presentation provides a comprehensive overview of the various levels of AI, from basic algorithms to sophisticated deep learning models, and their applications within wound care. We will explore how these AI tools can assist clinicians in areas such as wound assessment, diagnosis, treatment planning, and outcome prediction. Crucially, we will delve into the critical questions that clinicians and patients should be asking about AI-driven wound management, including: How does this specific AI tool work? What are its limitations? How does it integrate with existing workflows? Furthermore, we will address the ethical and practical considerations surrounding AI implementation. A central focus will be on maintaining a "human-in-the-loop" to ensure clinical oversight and accountability. We will discuss strategies for managing quality control, preventing bias in algorithms and datasets, and ensuring that AI workflows demonstrably improve patient care rather than adding unnecessary complexity. Finally, we will explore methods for effectively influencing and shaping AI practices to maximize their positive impact on wound management and overall healthcare delivery.

The Well-Prepared Wound: From Cleansing to Debriding - What Does the Evidence Say

MODERATOR/SPEAKER: DOT WEIR, RN, CWON, CWS
CO-PRESENTERS: SUSIE SEAMAN, NP, MSN, CWCN, CWS; TERRY SWANSON, NP, MHSC, FAWMA, FMACNP

The concept of wound bed preparation has been discussed in various forums for 25 years and continues to be an essential step to move a wound into a state of readiness to heal. This session will present the most updated definitions and guidelines to promote excellence in practice.

11:40 AM–1:10 PM

INNOVATION THEATER LUNCHES

No pre-registration is required. Space is limited and available first-come, first-served.

1:20 PM–2:20 PM

THREE CONCURRENT SESSIONS: CHOOSE ONE

Evaluation and Management of Osteomyelitis in Patients With Diabetes

SPEAKER: ANDREW MEYR, DPM, FACFAS

Caring for patients with diabetes mellitus and wounds is challenging. Having superimposed osteomyelitis adds to complexity of care. This session will discuss diagnosis as well as medical and surgical management of osteomyelitis and concomitant wounds in diabetic patients.



NPIAP: Pitfalls in Staging Pressure Injury

SPEAKER: JOYCE BLACK, PHD, RN

Diagnosing and staging a pressure injury needs to be done accurately. The accurate diagnosis and stage allow proper treatment. Many skin and soft tissue wounds are confused with pressure injury and when pressure injury is listed as the diagnosis, the facility may be penalized for that wound. This session will address the common errors in labeling pressure injury and its stage.

WOUNDS Clinical Guidance: Combating Antimicrobial Resistance in Wound Care

MODERATOR/SPEAKER: WINDY E. COLE, DPM

CO-PRESENTERS: CATHERINE MILNE, MSN, APRN, CWOCA-AP; IRENA PASTAR, PHD

This session will delve into the recently released consensus document on infection prevention, biofilm disruption, and antimicrobial stewardship practices. Attendees will gain valuable knowledge about the latest strategies to combat microbial resistance, ultimately enhancing patient outcomes. Panelists will address the escalating challenge of antibiotic resistance, emphasizing the importance of judicious antibiotic use while providing actionable guidelines for effective wound care management practices.

1:20 PM–4:40 PM

ACCREDITED INDUSTRY-SUPPORTED WORKSHOP

Navigating Complex Wounds: An Immersive, Hands-On Workshop for Advanced Care

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2:30 PM–3:30 PM

THREE CONCURRENT SESSIONS: CHOOSE ONE

AMP AMP Session: The Surgical and Endovascular Approach to Treating Patients With Ischemic Lower Extremity Wound

MODERATOR/SPEAKER: GEORGE PLIAGAS, MD

CO-PRESENTERS: NICOLAS MOUAWAD, MD, MPH, MBA, DFSVS, FRCS, FACS, RPVI; MICHAEL SIAH, MD

This session, in collaboration with the Amputation Prevention Symposium (AMP), discusses surgical and endovascular strategies used to treat ischemic lower extremity wounds, with an emphasis on critical limb ischemia (CLI). It begins with an overview of CLI, including its underlying mechanisms, clinical significance, and the rationale for timely intervention. Both surgical and endovascular treatment options will be discussed, including insight into the selection and application of each approach to support wound healing and limb preservation.

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Optimizing Pressure Injury Prevention: Aligning Support Surface Selection with Patient Needs and Standardizing Prophylactic Dressing Use

MODERATOR/SPEAKER: MICHELE DEPPISCH, PT, CWS, FACCWS

Part 1 of this presentation presents an exercise in balancing the assessment of patient risk factors and matching the performance characteristics of support surfaces to mitigate patient individual risk factors or target population risk factors while also considering the impact of clinical practices. The Support Surface Standards Initiative (S3I) has developed a guidance document to assist the clinician in understanding the relevance of support surface standardized testing results in connection with clinical practice.

MODERATOR/SPEAKER: DAVID BRIENZA, PHD

Part 2 of this presentation will explore emerging standards for prophylactic dressings developed through the Prophylactic Dressing Standards Initiative (PDSI). Attendees will gain insights into the key performance characteristics that influence a dressing's potential to prevent pressure injuries and develop a better understanding of the strengths and limitations of comparative test results in this evolving area. The session will also provide an overview of the goals, methodology, and anticipated timeline of the PDSI, offering wound care professionals the foundational knowledge needed to support evidence-informed prevention strategies.

Plastic Surgery: Flaps, Grafts, and More

MODERATOR/SPEAKER: DEVINDER SINGH, MD

CO-PRESENTER: JUAN RODOLFO MELLA, MD

This session will delve into the reconstructive ladder and foundational principles of plastic surgery, highlighting the art and science behind tissue transfer. Through detailed case studies, we will explore a spectrum of reconstructive options—from skin grafts to local, regional, and free flaps—alongside the latest advances in wound care technologies. Emphasis will be placed on clinical decision-making and optimizing outcomes across diverse patient populations.

3:40 PM–4:40 PM

THREE CONCURRENT SESSIONS: CHOOSE ONE



AMP Session: Mixed Arterial in Venous Disease in Patients With Critical Limb Ischemia

MODERATOR/SPEAKER: GEORGE PLIAGAS, MD

CO-PRESENTERS: NICOLAS MOUAWAD, MD, MPH, MBA, FSVS, FRCS, FACS, RPVI; STEPHANIE L. WOELFEL, PT, DPT, CWS

Patients with Critical Limb Ischemia (CLI) frequently present with a combination of arterial and venous pathology, creating challenges in diagnosis and treatment planning. This session will begin with a review of venous anatomy and key components of the diagnostic work-up. Attendees will then explore strategies for developing treatment algorithms when both arterial and venous wounds are present, followed by a discussion on managing significant postoperative swelling in the lower extremities. The session will conclude with a collaborative panel discussion offering multidisciplinary perspectives and practical clinical insights.

Case Based: Practical Issues in Nutrition, the GI Microbiome, and Wounds

MODERATOR/SPEAKER: MARJANA TOMIC-CANIC, PHD

Providing an optimal environment to allow wounds to heal is critical. This includes optimizing nutrition. Beyond ensuring adequate protein and other nutrients are given to patients, diet may affect the GI microbiome. This session will provide an up-to-date review of the GI microbiome, how nutrition may affect the GI microbiome and what a clinician can do to improve patients' healing.



NPIAP: Are You at Risk of a Lawsuit

MODERATOR/SPEAKER: KATHRYN J. CHEATLE, JD

Pressure injuries remain a leading cause of litigation in healthcare, with clinicians and institutions often facing legal consequences despite best intentions. In this session, the National Pressure Injury Advisory Panel (NPIAP) will guide attendees through real-world legal cases and highlight risk factors, documentation strategies, and best practices to mitigate liability. Participants will leave with a clearer understanding of how to protect themselves and their patients through evidence-based care and legally sound decision-making.

4:45 PM–6:45 PM

GRAND OPENING OF EXHIBIT HALL AND COCKTAIL RECEPTION

Friday September 5 | Day 2

7:30 AM–9:00 AM

ACCREDITED INDUSTRY-SUPPORTED SYMPOSIA AND INNOVATION THEATER BREAKFASTS

8:00 AM–4:00 PM

POSTER VIEWING

9:10 AM–10:10 AM

FOUR CONCURRENT SESSIONS: CHOOSE ONE

Breathing new air Into Wound Care: Update on Hyperbaric Oxygen

SPEAKER: LEE GOLDSTEIN, MD, FACS

Hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT) is used as an adjunct to aid healing in selected chronic wounds. HBOT increases growth factors and local wound signaling, while also promoting a central stem cell release of endothelial progenitor cells from the bone marrow via nitric oxide pathways. Recently, oxygen delivery has expanded to include topical wound therapy and home hyperbaric treatments. This session will provide an overview of the mechanisms and uses for these therapies, along with updates to the supporting science.

Dermatology and Podiatry for the Wound Provider

MODERATOR/SPEAKER: TRACEY C. VLAHOVIC, DPM, FFPM, RCPS (GLASG)

CO-PRESENTER: MARGARET BOBONICH, DNP, FNP-C, DCNP, FAANP

This session provides healthcare professionals with essential knowledge for accurately identifying primary skin conditions, skin eruptions caused by infection, and both benign and malignant growths of the lower extremities. Participants will gain insights into delivering optimized treatment for a range of lower extremity disorders.



NPIAP: Skin Failure: Fact or Fiction

MODERATOR/SPEAKER: JOYCE BLACK, PHD, RN

CO-PRESENTER: SAMUEL NWAFOR, MD, FACP, FAPWCA

Skin failure has been studied and is being used as a diagnosis by many clinicians. But what is it?

Will My Wound Heal: Predicting Healing and When to use Adjunctive Care

MODERATOR/SPEAKER: DAVID MARGOLIS, MD, PHD

A wound specialist does not continue the same treatment over and over again, over weeks to months, and expect different results. This session will review the literature on predictors of wound healing for chronic wounds. How and when to identify "nonresponders" to standard of care, and then when to add in advanced modalities such as topical growth factors, CAMPs, and biophysical modalities will be discussed, along with reimbursement requirements for these additional treatments.

10:20 AM–11:20 AM

ACCREDITED INDUSTRY-SUPPORTED SYMPOSIA

No pre-registration is required. Space is limited and available first-come, first-served.

11:30 AM–12:30 PM

ACCREDITED INDUSTRY-SUPPORTED SYMPOSIA

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12:30 PM–3:00 PM

LUNCH WITH EXHIBITORS

Lunch will be served until 2:30 PM.

3:10 PM–3:35 PM

TWO CONCURRENT SESSIONS: CHOOSE ONE



Rapid Fire: Oral Abstracts

MODERATOR: OSCAR M. ALVAREZ, PHD, CCT, FAPWCA

This session will feature podium presentations from four of the highest scoring abstracts submitted to SAWC. Each presenting author will have up to 12 minutes to present key results of their research, followed by Q&A time with the audience, moderated by a member of the SAWC Oral Abstract Review Committee.



Rapid Fire: What's new in HS

MODERATOR/SPEAKER: HADAR A. LEV-TOV, MD, MAS

HS patients have a significant wound burden and are coming to your clinic but this time, they are on a new drug—do you know which new drugs and treatments are available for HS? In this session an update will be provided about advances in the research on HS. New insights into disease etiology will be presented. New treatments for HS will be reviewed as well. All done from the perspective of the wound healing specialist.

HANDS-ON SKILLS LAB

3:10 PM–6:15 PM



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3:45 PM–4:10 PM

TWO CONCURRENT SESSIONS: CHOOSE ONE



Rapid Fire: Creativity in off Loading Techniques

MODERATOR/SPEAKER: DOT WEIR, RN, CWON, CWS

CO-PRESENTER: ANDREW J. RADER, DPM

Offloading the ulcerated foot of the patient with diabetes presents challenges in the outpatient setting. While contact casting and offloading boots are the ideal standard, they are not always available and practical in real world practice. This session will look at alternative methods of offloading, specifically focusing on adhesive felt and a unique procedure referred to as a "football" wrap. Visual examples and patient cases will be presented.



Rapid Fire: What's new in the Wound Literature: CAMP's and Beyond!

MODERATOR/SPEAKER: STEPHANIE WU, DPM, MSC, FACFAS

Staying abreast of the medical literature is critical to providing optimal care. This session will define and categorize cellular, acellular, and matrix-like products (CAMPs) and highlight the new literature in wound healing with a focus on publications related to CAMPs and landmark articles in wound healing. Attendees will learn about the definition, categorization of CAMPs along with new data, and how it translates to patient care.

4:20 PM–4:45 PM

TWO CONCURRENT SESSIONS: CHOOSE ONE

**Rapid Fire: Biophysical Modalities and Wound Healing**

MODERATOR/SPEAKER: SARAH HOLDEN-MOUNT, PT, CWS

CO-PRESENTER: STEPHANIE L. WOELFEL, PT, DPT, CWS

Have you wondered about the role of biophysical modalities in wound healing? Are you looking for tips on how to integrate biophysical modalities into your practice? Join this session for a review of biophysical modalities and implementation tips.

**Rapid Fire: Creating a Team: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Wound Care**

MODERATOR/SPEAKER: OSCAR ALVAREZ, PHD, FAPWCA, CCT

CO-PRESENTER: DIANE MERKLE, PHD, APRN, CWOCN

There are significant benefits to taking a team approach to wound care, but how do you create this team to fit the needs of a patient population of low socioeconomic status with disparities in access and utilization? Join us as we discuss how the right team can build patient-confidence and renew their hope to heal.

4:55 PM–5:55 PM

**Rapid Fire: Poster Talks**

MODERATORS: EMILY GREENSTEIN, ARPN, CNP, CWON-AP, FACCWS; ANTHONY TICKNER, DPM FRCPS, FACCWS, FAPWH

This session will give attendees the ability to interact directly with authors over their research. Selected poster presenters will give a 3- to 5-minute summary of their poster, followed by Q&A from the audience. The interaction is meant to be collegial, not critical, with the goal of attendees learning from the poster presenters experience and project.

6:15 PM–7:30 PM

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7:30 AM–9:00 AM

INNOVATION THEATER BREAKFASTS

No pre-registration is required. Space is limited and available first-come, first-served.

9:10 AM–10:10 AM

FOUR CONCURRENT SESSIONS: CHOOSE ONE

Case-Based: NPWT Pearls

MODERATOR/SPEAKER: BRITNEY ANN BUTT, MCLSC-WH, CWOCN

CO-PRESENTER: EDWIN MONROY, PT, DPT

This session will provide a comprehensive review of techniques for optimizing wound healing through the use of negative pressure wound therapy, ranging from basic to advanced approaches. Strategies for managing complex wounds will be discussed, along with the various devices available for different wound types.

PAWSIC: Wound Diagnostics Technology and Post Acute Care

MODERATOR/SPEAKER: JONATHAN JOHNSON, MD, MBA, CWSP, FAPWCA

Advancements in wound diagnostics technology are reshaping how clinicians assess, monitor, and manage complex wounds in post-acute care settings. In this session, the Post Acute Wound & Skin Integrity Council (PAWSIC) will explore the practical integration of diagnostic tools—from imaging to sensor-based systems—within the unique constraints of long-term and transitional care environments. Attendees will learn how to leverage these innovations to support clinical decision-making, optimize healing trajectories, and improve documentation and outcomes.

What's new in Diabetic Foot and Ulcer Management

SPEAKER: CASSANDRE VOLTAIRE, DO, ABWMS

Wound care specialists are familiar with the tenets of good diabetic foot ulcer care including off-weighting, debridement, infection control, and re-vascularization if needed. However, what new technologies can we offer our patients? This session will review new modalities in off-loading, local and advanced topical therapies, and treatments to be considered in caring for patients with DFUs.

WHS Scientific Advances in Wound Healing

SPEAKERS: MOHAMED S. EL MASRY, MD, PHD; HELENA ZOMER, DVM, PHD

Dr. Zomer's research focuses on advancing regenerative therapies for wound healing, particularly in aging populations. Her work investigates how the wound microenvironment shapes stem cell secretomes to optimize cell-free therapies and explores placental-derived factors to restore vascularization, stem cell function, and estrogen signaling in aged skin. Dr. Zomer's studies aim to overcome age-related barriers and develop targeted strategies to enhance skin repair.

Dr. El Masry's research focuses on regenerative wound healing for burn, chronic, and biofilm-infected wounds. Utilizing advanced imaging, large animal models, and innovative therapies, he developed an AI framework for precise burn depth assessment and novel treatments for post-burn facial contractures. He also explored novel approaches for treating hyperbiofilm infections. His work aims to enhance wound healing outcomes and tackle complex challenges through cutting-edge technology and translational medicine, bridging the gap from bench to bedside.

10:20 AM–11:20 AM

FOUR CONCURRENT SESSIONS: CHOOSE ONE

Atypical Wounds: Focus on PG and Cancer Related Wounds

MODERATOR/SPEAKER: JOSE A. JALLER, MD

In this session, a standard approach will be reviewed to make sense and demystify the diagnosis and treatment of atypical wounds. Then, review of the diagnosis and management of pyoderma gangrenosum and cancer-related wounds will be presented via a case-based discussion.

Case Based: It's Just an Ostomy...Until It Isn't

MODERATOR/SPEAKER: LINDA MONTOTO, BSN, RN, CWOCN, APN

CO-PRESENTER: LAURA WILLIAMSON, MSN, RN, CWON, AGCNS-BC

This session provides an in-depth exploration of the various types of stomas, highlighting their distinct anatomical and functional characteristics. Attendees will gain critical insights into selecting appropriate treatment modalities and management strategies for complex peristomal skin complications. The presentation will include a detailed analysis of challenging clinical cases, highlighting conditions such as peristomal pyoderma gangrenosum and irritant contact dermatitis. Through case-based learning, attendees will enhance their clinical reasoning skills and improve outcomes for patients with complex ostomy-related skin issues.

Lymphedema

MODERATOR/SPEAKER: SUZIE EHMANN, DPT, PHD, CWS, CLWT, CLT-LANA

CO-PRESENTER: LINDA T. MILLER, PT, DPT, CLT, CWT

Lymphedema is often under-recognized in clinical practice, leaving many providers uncertain about how to assess and intervene. This session will equip non-lymphedema-trained clinicians with practical tools to identify, differentiate, and manage lymphedema within the context of routine wound care—bridging knowledge gaps and promoting earlier, more effective interventions.

Wound Care Business Navigator: Reimbursement Advocacy Wins – It is up to You to Implement Them and Prepare for Audits!

MODERATOR/SPEAKER: MARCIA NUSGART, RPH

CO-PRESENTER: KATHLEEN D. SCHAUM, MS

Developed in collaboration with the Alliance of Wound Care Stakeholders. Advocacy by wound care clinicians has positively impacted reimbursement for services, procedures, and provided to their patients. In this session, you will learn the latest reimbursement changes and will receive valuable implementation tips and how to prepare for audits.

11:30 AM–12:30 PM

INNOVATION SPOTLIGHT AND INNOVATION THEATER WORKSHOPS

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12:30 PM–2:00 PM

LUNCH WITH EXHIBITORS

Lunch will be served until 1:30 PM.

2:10 PM–3:10 PM

TWO CONCURRENT SESSIONS: CHOOSE ONE

21st Century Wound Healing: Bioprinting Skin

MODERATOR/SPEAKER: MICHAEL N. DESVIGNE, MD, FACS, CWS, FACCWS

This session will explore cutting-edge advancements in wound healing, including the emerging technology of bioprinted skin. Experts will discuss how these innovations are shaping the future of wound care, offering new possibilities for personalized and efficient healing.

Wound Care Business Navigator: Real-Life Scenarios: Reimbursement "What ifs?"

MODERATOR/SPEAKER: KATHLEEN D. SCHAUM, MS

Wound/ulcer management stakeholders frequently request that reimbursement educators address real-life reimbursement scenarios. The stakeholders typically want coding, coverage, and/or payment answers to their frequently asked question: "What if" I perform [this service, procedure, and/or product]? If reimbursement is important to you, do not miss this session that will include common real-life reimbursement scenarios along with answers to the "what if?" questions.

3:20 PM–4:20 PM

TWO CONCURRENT SESSIONS: CHOOSE ONE

Case-Based: Fascinomas: Unusual and Rare Skin and Wound Conditions

MODERATOR/SPEAKER: HEATHER L. BARNHART, PT, PHD, CWS, AWCC, CLT-LANA, CLWT, CORE

CO-PRESENTER: SCOTT ELMAN, MD

This session will address the clinical considerations when a wound fails to respond to conventional treatment modalities. It will investigate the possibility of a fascioma and other atypical skin and wound manifestations. Attendees will gain insights into diagnostic approaches and advanced management strategies for these challenging cases, enhancing their understanding of complex wound care.

Wound Care Business Navigator: PAWSIC: Value-Based Care - Where Does Wound Care fit in?

SPEAKER: JULIE RHODOVI, MBA, CWCA, LBBH

Alternative Reimbursement Models, like Value-Based Care (VBC), are transformative healthcare models that shift focus from volume to value. With an increased prevalence in chronic diseases, an aging population and rising costs in healthcare, we continue to see an acceleration of these types of plans. Within the framework of value-based care, wound care could have several positions. These could have positive or negative results, depending on how the model positions the importance of wound care and the clinical guidance followed. This presentation will educate the audience on the key characteristics of alternative reimbursement models, the state they are currently in, and the integrating of wound care into these models, while still preserving the importance of quality of service for the patients.



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Friday September 5

8:00 AM–4:00 PM

POSTERS ARE OPEN FOR VIEWING
Poster presenters are not required to be present.

3:10 PM–3:35 PM



RAPID FIRE: ORAL ABSTRACTS
This session will be held in Julius 12.

4:55 PM–5:55 PM



RAPID FIRE: POSTER TALKS
This session will be held in Julius 11.

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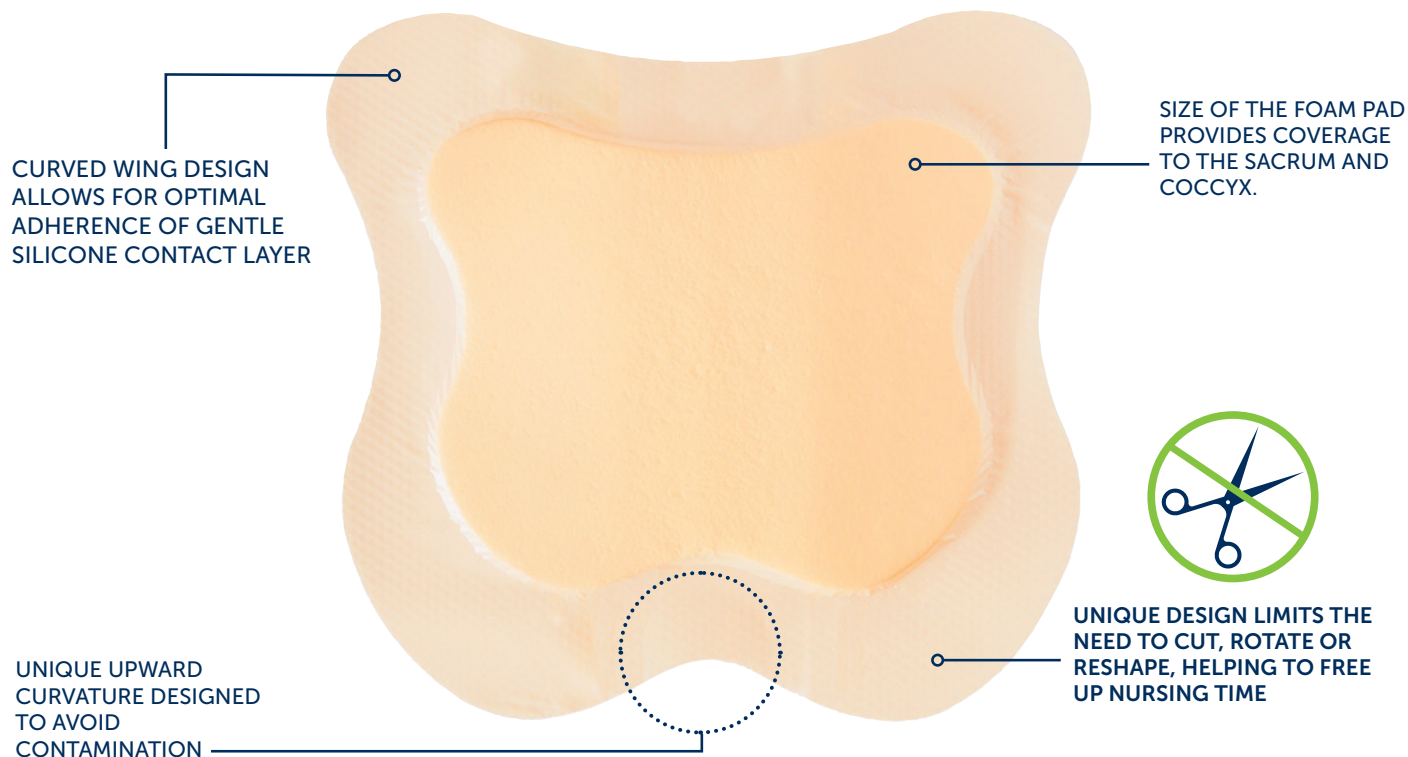
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