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Message from our Chair:



Richard Simman,
MD, CWS, FACCWS
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Dear Fellows,

Congratulations on the success of the first issue of your Journal of the American College of Certified Wound Specialists. This highly professional journal reflects our commitment to providing you with cutting edge information and updates on wound care. I would like to thank our Editorial Board and Elsevier for this enormous achievement and for their continued support. In order to maintain these high standards, your help is needed in providing the Journal with quality papers.

Our Regional Directors program continues to grow and I strongly encourage you to establish contact with your regional directors. You can find more details by visiting The Regional Director page on the ACCWS Website or by contacting Membership Director David Abts at ACCWS Headquarters at dabts@theccws.org. This will provide you with updates on local educational meetings, speaker information and whether CMEs or CEUs will be offered. Also, there is a Back to Basics in Wound Care course being offered at Anne Arundel Community College in May. Please check our website for more information on this course and other future courses. The College continues to look at offering additional initiatives such as finalizing a program to have wound centers to be recognized as a wound center of excellence if they meet predetermined criteria; new courses to prepare individuals for the CWS exam; and new initiatives to ensure that the wound care community is represented in the legislative and regulatory process. I would encourage all Fellows to get involved in the different committees of The College.

I would like to urge you to renew your membership in a timely fashion and to encourage your colleagues who are not yet Fellows of The College to join us in this journey. Together will achieve the ultimate recognition and elevate the quality of wound care.

Authors Committee Report:



Kari Bechert,
BA, MPT, CWS,
FACCWS
JACCWS Asst. Editor

Congratulations!!! The first issue of the quarterly Journal of the American College of Certified Wound Specialists (JACCWS) has been printed and you all should have received a copy in the mail. Now that the first issue is complete, we are turning our sights to the future. We will be applying for formal indexing in the upcoming months.

We are using an online electronic submission site (EES) by Elsevier where authors can submit their manuscripts and follow the progress through the peer review process to ultimate publication. This EES system allows reviewers quick access to manuscripts to perform their peer review. The editors of the JACCWS can evaluate and decide on the publication of a manuscript in as little as one week, a process that used to take three to six months before the EES was implemented.

We are currently accepting manuscripts for immediate publication. To submit a manuscript, simply log onto www.ees.elsevier.com/jaccws/ click on the icon "submit paper". The EES system will guide you through the process.

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ACCWS
Committees
are currently
recruiting!

Marketing, Exhibit and Industry Report



Donald E. Mrdjenovich, DPM, CWS, FACCWS.
Chair of the Marketing Exhibit,
and Industry Committee
Immediate Past Chair of the Board of Directors

This is the rallying call of the ACCWS. It all comes down to each one of us searching for our own individual means of contributing toward the ACCWS team of certified wound specialists. The College's focus is to enable great things to happen for the future of wound management by creating avenues that contribute to the greater good of our patients, colleagues and the public at large.

In your mind you may be thinking that everything that could have possibly been done has already been accomplished. You may also be pondering that since there are so many wound care organizations in existence today how could another membership organization possibly be of any benefit personally or professionally. Your mind is really on overdrive now and the overwhelming buzz in your head may be echoing that you are just too busy to become involved in another organization.

Let's get out of your head for a minute. It is agreed that we all have obligations to our practices, families, and individual interests. However, there is no better time than NOW to invest in the one thing that most of us spend the large majority of our days doing—treating patients with above standard wound care practices.

We are now on the same page. At this point the next questions floating in your mind may be— what can I personally do for my membership organization? Or, why should I invest any more of my time in wound care? Let's get out of head mode again. It is true that there is no 'I' in team, however, all teams are made up of individuals, each with their own responsibility to aid in achieving the win. Investing in the growth of The College is not only about self-preservation, but also concerns promoting the credential you worked long and hard to acquire. It always comes down to what is best for the patient. We want our patients to have care that is above the standards of care. We need a vehicle to continue to promote those standards. The vehicle is a winning team. Through your investment of time and talent to become involved in The College as a volunteer on one of the many committees, or by submitting manuscripts for consideration to the Journal of the ACCWS, you are raising the standard of wound care. In addition you assist in promoting programming and criteria for the seeking and recognition of a credibly credentialed wound specialist for those patients who require wound care. You not only bring a presence to your community as a recognized top-notch wound care provider among your patients, but also among your colleagues and other health care professionals, not to mention eventual acknowledgement from hospital administrators and public officials. Simply said, we will get noticed for our accomplishments and wound care knowledge by having a voice in the wound community. No one can stand alone to accomplish this great feat. However, as a cohesive group that becomes stronger by increasing our numbers we will make more of an impact in our professional lives.

The College has been implementing strategies and programs to increase the presence, credibility, and desirability of a credentialed wound specialist. We cannot do this with the few but need the many. It is amazing that we are only 4 ¼ years young. With the majority of marketing by grass roots efforts of Regional Director's Meetings, Back to Basic Courses, and word of mouth, we have gone from a crawl to walking and ready to run in such a short amount of time. This tremendous amount of growth in such a brief amount of time is a credit to the many dedicated and loyal Founding Fellows who have invested so much of their time, talent and treasure into the College. Also the loyal support of College donors, Friends of The College and partner members of the Corporate Advisory Council have facilitated in this accomplishment.

Spring is a time for growth and renewal. Let us take this time to grow in our chosen field. As you pick up and read your premiere issue of the Journal of the ACCWS, check out the abundance of information on the ACCWS web page and members only section (www.theccws.org), see endorsements of CWS exam prep courses at national conferences, note statements by The College regarding legislative and regulatory issues in wound care, or hear of colleagues planning to join The College in and be in the midst of other dynamic and forward moving wound care leaders, and know that this is your membership organization in action. This is growth.

It is not only what the ACCWS can do for you, but what you can do to create a strong and viable organization that will be here to advocate and support YOU, a credentialed wound specialist. The ACCWS is here to be your voice because it is Your Profession, Your Credential and Your College.

Welcome New Fellows:

Erin Alexander, RN, CWS, FACCWS
Sandra Aronson, PT, CWS, FACCWS
Joseph Bergstrom, DO, CWS, FACCWS
Michelle Broers, PT, CWS, FACCWS
John Deacon, MD, CWS, FACCWS
Susan Easton, RN, CWS, FACCWS
Philibert Fluck, PT, CWS, FACCWS
Paolo Jimenez, PT, CWS, FACCWS
Kathleen Kelly, MD, CWS, FACCWS
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Cheryl Marasco, RN, CWS, FACCWS
Arti Maturzo, MD, CWS, FACCWS
Vladimir Medakovic, RN, CWS, FACCWS
Moises Menendez, MD, CWS, FACCWS
Shari Orphey, PT, CWS, FACCWS
Gregory Patterson, MD, CWS, FACCWS
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JACCWS Second Issue will be available this June!



This is your Journal!

Your Submissions are encouraged. Our editorial board is comprised of a wide variety of highly skilled reviewers whose mission is to provide excellence in publishing. Manuscript submissions are managed through an on-line process by logging onto www.ees.elsevier.com/jaccws/.

ACCWS NEWS

Your Profession, Your College, Your Credential

As the activities of The College increase, we are looking to all the ACCWS members to volunteer time to the committees of The College. This is your College and we need you to help us to continue to grow and succeed. If you are interested in any of the following Committees, please contact David Abts at dabts@theccws.org.

Education Committee:

Investigates and develops educational activities for Fellows, establishes frameworks for educational programs targeted to the wound care profession. Chair Jayesh Shah MD, CWS, FACCWS.

Marketing, Exhibiting & Industry Committee:

Establishes marketing and exhibiting avenues for the ACCWS to promote its mission to the wound care community and beyond. Chair Donald Mrdjenovich DPM, CWS, FACCWS.

Membership Committee:

Establishes new methods of reaching out to CWSs and CWCAs to join the ACCWS and work with Regional Directors in putting on events in their area. Chair Richard Simman MD, CWS, FACCWS.

PAC Committee:

Garners opportunities to advertise directly to a specific target market and to provide research in the political arena. Chair Staci Roberts MPT, CWS, FACCWS.

Provider Relations Committee:

Raises the awareness of the presence of an advanced level of wound care practice with the opportunity to provide awareness of *"Best Practice Care"* facilities. Chair Aimee Garcia MD, CWS, FACCWS.

Wisconsin Regional Meeting Announcement

Join us for an evening of Wound Care discussion and Case Study

A Presentation with Dr. Wayne Caputo

Dr. Caputo will discuss his experience with Apligraf as well as other evidence based medicine. The presentation will mostly be about using advanced wound care modalities in your practice, the science behind wound healing and obviously the benefits of Apligraf in wound healing. Dr. Caputo also does a great case study presentation with discussion.

Where: Fleming's Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar-15665 Bluemound Rd. Brookfield, WI 53005

When: April 30th

6:00pm Cocktails

6:30pm Dinner and presentation

RSVP to Angie Grimord R.N. (262) 442-1474 by April 24

Visit our website for upcoming California and Ohio Meeting Information.

Become A Friend of The College

We need people like you. People that are willing to make an significant contributions to the lives of their patients in ways that go beyond your natural call of duty as a Wound Care Professional. Any Contribution of your time and means; small or large to the ACCWS will make a significant impact on patients nationwide. **Donate today and make a difference!**

Please contact David Abts at dabts@theccws.org for more details on becoming a Friend or Donor of the ACCWS.

ACCWS NEWS

ACCWS Headquarters Update:



Visit our Website: www.theccws.org

With spring finally here and the trees in bloom, The College has seen the blossoming of one of its most important initiatives in the premier issue of the Journal. We are currently hard at work on the second issue to be distributed in late Spring.

The Board of Directors recently met for a Working Session that was hosted by Pegasus Biologics, Inc. in Irvine, CA. We appreciate the support that Pegasus Biologics has shown to The College. During this meeting, the Board of Directors took an in depth look at all its different activities to ensure that we are meeting the needs of the membership. From the other articles in this newsletter, you can see that The College has a number of different important initiatives. Moreover, we are proud to be able to provide our members with a high-quality Journal.

I encourage all of you to participate in the different Committees of The College. As the tagline reads: "Your Profession. Your Credential. Your College," this organization thrives on the efforts of its members. With the variety of different Committees, I think that everyone can find one of interest to volunteer their time.

As of January, we have begun sending out your renewal invoices via email. We hope that you are finding this a convenient way to receive this and other important information from The College. If you ever had any questions about your dues, please contact David Abts at dabts@theccws.org.

Back to Basics: An Introduction to Wound Care:

The College is offering "Back to Basics: An Introduction to Wound Care" in partnership with Anne Arundel Community College Main Campus located in beautiful Arnold, MD.

Where:

Anne Arundel Community College
101 College Parkway
Arnold, MD 21012-1895



Please Note: This Course is being held on Main Campus in Arnold MD, and not the Glen Burnie Campus.

When:

May 9, 2009
8am to 5pm

Back to Basics serves as an excellent one-day refresher course for professionals who feel they could use a tune-up in Basic Wound Care. This course is designed to provide healthcare practitioners with an overview of current wound healing practices and technologies. Participants will gain knowledge of clinically useful information that can be supplied in the management of patients with various wound types.

You may also earn three hours of your continuing education credits needed as part of the CWS/CWCA annual re-certification. This course has also been approved by the Maryland Board of Physical Therapy Examiners for 0.6 CEUs and the Maryland State Board of Occupational Therapy Practice for 6.25 contact hours or 0.6 CEUs.

For a complete description of the course and course fees, visit [the registration website](#) or call (410) 777-2325. For general questions (not registration) about the course, contact Pat Barnhart at (410) 777-2939.

Please visit [our website](#) for more information on our various ACCWS endorsed wound care prep courses.