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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Authors Committee

The Evidence-based Medicine Committee of the American College of Physicians describes Evidence-Based Health Care as “a methodology for evaluating the validity of research in clinical medicine and applying the results to the care of individual patients. Evidence is gathered through systematic review of the literature, and is critically appraised. The results are then integrated with physician/patient decision making.” Wound Care Practitioners need to learn how to incorporate Evidence-Based Medicine into their clinical practice. To do this, Wound Care Practitioners need to be able to locate, appraise and apply current concepts from the literature.

The Authors Committee of the CCWS was created for two reasons. First, to provide a source of wound care information for the practitioner to apply in everyday practice. Second, to provide a resource for members of the CCWS in publishing manuscripts in medical journals.

The Authors Committee
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MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRPERSON

IN the premiere issue of our newsletter I outlined the programs initiated by the College. Now I want to take a moment and explain the importance of College Fellowship. There are clearly many obvious reasons to be a Fellow. These include: access to clinical resources that help solve member problems, active involvement in education, research and drafting

and potentially affecting legislation and regulations.

In addition to these strategic benefits of College membership, there are many other benefits. One of the most important is developing relations with others in the wound care industry with the resulting camaraderie and networking opportunities that wouldn't be possible any other way.

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Name This Newsletter Contest

The CCWS Board of Directors is accepting name proposals for the CCWS newsletter. Among the suggestions thus far are:

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| Layer by Layer: Revealing Wound Care Management | ExpressIT |
| Clearly Concerned Wound Specialists | Vitals |
| Clearly Communicating Wound Specialties | The Edge |
| Current Consulting Wound Studies | Success |
| WoundTech or WoundTek | Wounded |
| | Healing Headlines |
| | IND—Information News Dissemination |

Contact John Margeson or Chris Murphy at CCWS headquarters with your suggestion. The winner's prize is next year's dues!

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE, *cont.*

Because of our critical mass, the College has the expertise of wound care across many disciplines. We extended a call for those who wanted to participate on the various committees. The positive response has resulted in the sharing of ideas, problems, successes and dreams with similarly situated individuals which will be invaluable to many Fellows.

Members' contributions of time, knowledge and finan-

cial resources help the College fulfill its mission of serving our Fellowship. Once the CWS has been awarded, becoming a Fellow signals a wound care specialist's affirmation of our objectives and goals and provides the College the resources to do even more.

New membership development and expansion are the sustaining lifeblood of the College of Certified Wound Specialists. The enhancement and addition of services to

Fellows depends on our ability to identify and bring in new members. While the ultimate responsibility for membership growth is that of the Board of Directors and management, every Fellow shares the day-to-day obligation for identifying and proposing a wound care specialist for membership. Each Fellow has the potential to help enhance CWS recognition and in doing so, actively assists the College growth in reaching its full potential.

I encourage your comments and input and look forward to working closely with you as together we maintain the excellence that is The College of Certified Wound Specialists. Help us help you.

My best to all,



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CCWS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 28, 2006

Board of Directors Meeting
9:00am–5:00pm
Orlando, Florida

September 29, 2006

Education Committee
8:00am–12:00pm (tentative)
Research & Authors
Committee 1:00pm–4:00pm
(tentative)
CCWS Membership
Meeting 9:00pm–9:30pm
CCWS Membership
Reception
9:30pm–10:00pm
Orlando, Florida

January 19–20, 2007

Board of Directors Meeting
Location to be determined

September 8–9, 2007

Board of Directors Meeting
Location to be determined

COMMITTEE REPORTS, *cont.*

will publish the Journal of The College of Certified Wound Specialists. We will accept manuscripts and PowerPoint presentations from members, review and edit them and publish them in our journal. The Authors Committee will also help members who wish to submit manuscripts to other professional journals. The Committee will review the manuscript, offer advice and editing and forward the manuscript with the CCWS approval to professional journals.

We are currently making a "call" for new members to the Authors Committee. If you are interested in joining the committee, please email me AbrahamDPM@aol.com.



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Education Committee

The CCWS Education Committee has been working very hard to develop forms and materials to be used by individuals who wish to submit an application to teach a multidisciplinary wound healing course designed to prepare health care professionals to sit for the CWS examination that is provided by the American Academy of Wound Management. The goal is to make the application materials available on the CCWS web site in the near future so applicants can submit their materials for review. Hopefully a course can be approved and offered prior to the next CWS examination in October 2006. The application materials will contain specific criteria that must be met for approval by the review committee. Applicants may apply to pro-

vide basic, intermediate or advanced level courses that may or may not include workshop elements. The purpose of the CCWS course approval process is to ensure that each course offering supports the mission and vision of the CCWS, including stimulation of and support of patient care, education, research and knowledge in the interdisciplinary field of wound management, specifically with regard to elevating the standards of prevention, care and treatment of acute and chronic wounds, thereby improving the public health.



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New Board Members Named

Congratulations to Steve Abraham, Pamela Scarborough and Aimee Garcia on their elections to the CCWS Board of Directors.

STEVE, PAM and AMIEE each bring considerable talent and perspective to the CCWS Board.



Pamela Scarborough,
PT, MS, CDE, CWS

Ms. Scarborough has over 28 years experience as a clinician, team leader and professional educator. Her practice has included the settings of acute and long-term care, outpatient services, and home health.

She is currently the Director of Education for PARKS Institute, a company that provides continuing education for medical professionals. In addition she provides physical therapy services in long-term care in Austin, TX.

As a nationally known instructor, Ms. Scarborough travels the United States pre-

senting continuing education lectures, seminars, and laboratory scenarios, in the fields of wound management and diabetes care and complications.

She has published articles and monographs related to wound care and diabetes management and serves on the Core Curriculum Review Committee for the American Association of Diabetes Educators. Ms. Scarborough currently serves on the Board of Directors of the College of Certified Wound Specialists. In addition, she is on the speaker's bureau for several professional organizations and has served on numerous professional boards and conference planning committees over her extensive career.

Ms. Scarborough currently lives in The Village of Wimberley located in the Texas Hill Country.



Aimee D. Garcia,
MD, CWS, FCCWS

Dr. Garcia was elected to the Board of Directors of the CCWS on May 16, 2006. She holds a MD from UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School in

Newark, NJ and completed her residency at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, TX. Since then she became Director of the Geriatrics Fellowship Program at Baylor. She is also the Medical Director of the Wound Care Clinic and Consult Service at Houston VA Medical Center



Steve Abraham,
DPM, CWS, FCCWS

Dr. Abraham graduated from New York College of Podiatric Medicine & Surgery (NYCPM) in 1980. Since then he established a private practice in New York City specializing in podiatric medicine and surgery with a special emphasis in wound care. He is affiliated with the Cabrini Medical Center in New York City. In the past two years he has published 5 articles in medical journals. He is currently designing a Journal for the CCWS and formulating an "Author's Committee" to aid members in submitting manuscripts for professional publication.



We Want YOU!

The CCWS is currently seeking members to serve on the following CCWS committees:

Political Action Committee
Education Committee
Provider Relations Committee
Industry Committee
Authors Committee

If you are interested, please contact John Margeson or Chris Murphy at CCWS Headquarters.

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www.theccws.org

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