

NEWS FROM CHRODIS-JA

EWMA is an associated partner in the Joint Action on Chronic diseases (CHRODIS-JA) initiative by the European Commission, which has now been working for 1 year. Represented by EWMA council member Prof. Alberto Piaggese EWMA in particular engages in the work package (WP) 7 which addresses the challenge that the burden of diabetes places on the health systems and individuals. The WP7 will as one of the tasks map data and good practices on prevention of complications of type 2 diabetes – among these diabetic foot ulcers.

During the first year a questionnaire on National Diabetes Plans has been sent out. Currently answers from 21 countries are being processed and a draft report on the contents of various National Diabetes Plans is being prepared. This will be followed by an analysis of the processes for prevention of diabetes and complications used in the European Member States. Ultimately the work will produce a guideline on how to make National Diabetes Plans based on best practises content and process wise.



EWMA will participate in the next meeting of the WP 7 in Rome, 2-3 July, 2015.

EWMA PILOT PROJECT: WOUND CENTRE ENDORSEMENTS

With the objective of developing a programme for the EWMA endorsement of wound centres, the EWMA has initiated a pilot project targeting the endorsement of a wound centre at the Beida Hospital in Beijing, China. A working group comprised of wound care clinicians with experience in developing wound care centres in different European countries will be responsible for defining the criteria and procedures for the endorsement of wound centres. The pilot project, which is led by Prof. Finn Gottrup, will focus on wound centres based inside a hospital, including an in-patient ward. However, EWMA also plans to develop specific criteria for wound centres based outside the hospital.

A set of draft criteria has been developed and will be shared and discussed with the Chinese wound care centre to ensure that the developed criteria match the reality of the centres targeted by the programme and meet the standards defined by EWMA.

The pilot project is expected to be finalised in the autumn of 2015.

The members of the working group are: Hubert Vuagnat (Chair), Finn Gottrup, Luc Gryson, Arkadiusz Jawien, and Severin Laüchli.



This project is supported by an unrestricted grant from the Coloplast Access to Health Care foundation.

LEG ULCER GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

The EWMA Leg Ulcer Guidance initiative aims to produce a practical guidance document that may be applicable within different clinical settings for leg ulcer treatment in Europe.

The working group responsible for this project started their initial planning of the project in February 2015, and the final document is planned for launch during the EWMA 2016 Conference in Bremen, Germany, 11-13 May 2016.

The document will be developed in collaboration with the Australian Wound Management Association (AWMA), and the document editors are Peter Franks (UK) and Judith Barker (Australia, AWMA representative). The author group also includes Mark Collier (UK), Georgina Gethin (Ireland), Arkadiusz Jawien (Poland), Severin Läuchli (Switzerland), Christine Moffatt (UK), and Sebastian Probst (Switzerland)

In relation to this initiative, a key session on leg ulcers will be held at the EWMA 2015 conference. This session will include an outline of the current challenges related to the organisation of treatment, as well as an introduction to the diagnosis and assessment of the different types of leg ulcers, by members of the document author group.

The initiative is supported by unrestricted grants from L&R/Activa and BSN Medical



EWMA Key Session:

EWMA Conference 2015, London

Leg ulcer diagnosis and treatment – addressing the challenges

Thursday 12 May 16:55-17:55

SPECIAL SESSION FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT NURSES DURING THE EWMA 2015 CONFERENCE

Based on the success of previous years, a special session intended for undergraduate student nurses will take place during the EWMA 2015 Conference. There has been such an overwhelming interest from students from all over the UK that the event was already fully booked in early April.

The session will give undergraduate student nurses an introduction to wound management. For the students, this will be a unique setting to receive an introduction to the field of wound management in general and pressure ulcers and diabetic foot ulcers in particular, both on a national and international level.

For the first time, one of the presentations during the session will be given by an undergraduate nurse.

The presentation will be made by 3rd year nursing student, Charlotte Johnston, who has successfully arranged a pressure ulcer conference at the University of Lincoln and was named "Rising Star of the Healthcare Sector". Charlotte will talk about her personal motivation and present the topic "Pressure ulcer prevention: what can we do as students?"

Furthermore, representatives from both TVS and EWMA will be represented at the session, and there will be a presentation on international cooperation and career opportunities within the field of wound management.

The session will take place on Wednesday 13 May from 15.30-16.30 pm.

www.ewma2015.org

DEVELOPMENTS ON THE NEW EWMA GUIDANCE DOCUMENT ON NEGATIVE PRESSURE WOUND THERAPY

In 2007, EWMA published a Position Document on "Topical Negative Pressure in Wound Management". This document was focused on a single device, which at that time was the main negative pressure wound therapy (NPWT) device available on the market. Since 2007, the NPWT technology has advanced considerably, and a number of new devices and treatment applications have become available.

Against this background, a new EWMA guidance document on NPWT is being elaborated. The document will be published in 2016 and presented at the EWMA 2016 conference in Bremen.

The first meeting of the author group was held at the EWMA Secretariat on Sunday 22 February 2015. Here, the content of the document was discussed and established. Secondly, an industry partner meeting was held, where the document outline was presented and discussed.

Among the major developments coming out of the meeting were:

- The decision to include all three types of NPWT within the document: on open wounds, with instillation, and over closed incisions. This approach ensures the most broadly relevant document with a reach not seen earlier in the NPWT literature.
- Extensive coverage of specific factors and guidance in terms of treatment of wounds with different aetiologies and within different specialities such as trauma, cardiovascular surgery, and problem wounds.
- A special focus from the patient's perspective.

- A dedicated chapter on organisation, which will deal with the cross-sectional possibilities and barriers including reimbursement structures and implementation.

The EWMA NPWT document author group is comprised of the following experts:

- Editor Jan Apelqvist, Immediate Past President, PhD, Dr. med. (Sweden)
- Co-editor Christian Willy, Prof. Dr. med. (Germany)
- Ann-Mari Fagerdahl, RN, PhD (Sweden)
- Malin Malmsjö, Prof. Dr. med. (Sweden)
- Alberto Piagessi, Prof. Dr. med. (Italy)
- Astrid Probst, RN (Germany)
- Peter Vowden, Prof. Dr. med. (United Kingdom)

A key session will be held at the EWMA conference in London, which will introduce and discuss important elements from the document. In addition, a range of dissemination and implementation activities is planned following the document presentation at the EWMA Conference in Bremen in 2016, which is expected to strengthen the document's impact and application.

The initiative is supported by unrestricted grants from Acelity, BSN, Mölnlycke, Smith&Nephew, Spiracur.

EWMA Key session

EWMA Conference 2015, London
NPWT - Where are we now, what are the controversies?
Friday 15 May 14:15-15:45



The aim of the SWAN-iCare project is to develop a wearable device that allows for the monitoring and personalised management of hard-to-heal diabetic foot ulcers and venous leg ulcers.

One key role of EWMA in the SWAN-iCare consortium is to facilitate the dissemination of information to raise awareness about the project. This year, the annual EWMA conference in London will serve as the central platform to disseminate information about the project to experts in the field of wound care. EWMA has invited the SWAN-iCare consortium to introduce the project at a symposium dedicated to eHealth from the perspective of the wound care professional. The project will be presented by Prof. Marco Romanelli, MD, PhD, of the University of Pisa.

Members of the SWAN-iCare consortium also will attend the Focus Group meeting at the EWMA conference. The overall aim of the Focus Group meeting is for the SWAN-iCare consortium to obtain input from potential end users regarding the product prototype. To facilitate this process EWMA will feature a panel of wound care clinicians with expertise in the management of diabetic foot ulcers and venous leg ulcers. The Focus Group meeting is seen as a strategic opportunity to gain independent validation and sharpen the product specifications at a critical point of the development phase.

www.swan-icare.eu

NEW CONSENSUS GUIDELINES FROM THE INTERNATIONAL WORKING GROUP ON THE DIABETIC FOOT



During the 7th International Symposium on the Diabetic Foot, May 20 – 23 in The Hague, Netherlands, the International Working Group on the Diabetic Foot (IWGDF) will launch their IWGDF Consensus guidelines on the management and prevention of the Diabetic Foot.

The guidelines, which are updated once every 4 years by experts on the various aspects of diabetic foot syndrome, include practical and specific guidelines for topics such as: Footwear and Off-loading, Infection, Wound Management, Prevention and peripheral artery disease, Diagnosis and Prognosis. The recommendations in the specific guidelines are developed through the review of supporting scientific evidence.

The purpose of these documents is to provide guidelines that will reduce the impact of diabetic

foot disease via quality healthcare with considerations for cost and using the principles of evidence-based medicine augmented with expert opinion. The intended audience for these guidelines is healthcare professionals working with patients suffering from diabetic foot syndrome or patients at risk for developing diabetic foot syndrome.

The guidelines are free of charge and published both in print and online at www.iwgdf.org. The guidelines are translated and published in English, French, and Spanish.

The International Symposium on the Diabetic Foot, at which the updated guidelines will be launched, is the world's largest diabetic foot meeting, bringing together more than 1.200 experts from around the world. See the Symposium program and learn more at www.diabeticfoot.nl.

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