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The Symposium on Advanced Wound Care Spring and Wound Healing Society (SAWC Spring/WHS) meeting is the premier interdisciplinary wound care program within this clinical field and is the largest annual gathering of wound care clinicians in the United States. More than 2,000 physicians, podiatrists, nurses, therapists, researchers, and scientists are expected to attend the 2015 SAWC Spring/WHS meeting.

No other wound care conference offers the level of education, number of quality sessions, or renowned educators from around the world who speak at this program each year.

This conference is designed for the interdisciplinary team of physicians, nurses, physical therapists, researchers, scientists, podiatrists, and dietitians involved in wound healing or wound care issues. The SAWC Spring/WHS provides attendees who study and treat wounds across all practice settings with state-of-the-art reviews of clinical problems and research information.

Who Should Attend

This conference is designed for physicians, nurses, physical therapists, researchers, scientists, podiatrists, and dietitians involved in wound prevention, healing, or wound care issues. The SAWC Spring/WHS provides attendees who treat patients with, or are at risk of developing, wounds with state-of-the-art reviews of clinical problems and research information.

Extremely reasonable registration fees make this the industry's most economical meeting for attendees.

Attention: Meeting Date Pattern

The Wound Healing Society (WHS) program will begin one day earlier than the 2015 Symposium on Advanced Wound Care (SAWC) Spring program. The WHS program will begin on Wednesday, April 29 and will continue through Saturday, May 2. The SAWC Spring program takes place on Thursday, April 30 through Sunday, May 3.

Session Slides

In an effort to reduce the carbon footprint of SAWC Spring/WHS, we continue to provide more materials online and move closer to a paperless meeting. Registered attendees will have access to session slides that can be downloaded online as they become available. They will be posted before, during, and after the meeting. Stay tuned for correspondence in April 2015 on how to access these slides.



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SAWC CHAIRPERSONS' WELCOME

Welcome to the leading wound healing conference in the country. In our 28th year, the Symposium for Advanced Wound Care (SAWC) provides a unique venue for the interdisciplinary wound care community to gather, greet, learn, and play. The SAWC motto – One Vision, Many Faces, One Family – continues to guide us. We are all connected by our involvement with our patients, our healthcare settings, the desire to acquire new knowledge, the government agencies that regulate our care, and the various overarching organizations. Together, we work toward a common goal: to decrease the number and severity of wounds of all types. With this in mind, we expect the SAWC to meet your educational and professional needs.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING BUILD
THE **WOUND HEALING COMMUNITY.**

WHS CHAIRPERSONS' WELCOME

Welcome to the 27th Annual Meeting of the Wound Healing Society (WHS), a unique meeting where basic and clinical scientists interact with wound care practitioners to discuss the latest developments in the interdisciplinary field of wound healing research. The 2015 Annual WHS Meeting program is aimed at presenting cutting-edge science and recent progress in wound healing research while fostering an exchange of ideas among researchers, clinical scientists, and wound healing practitioners. This year will be our ninth joint meeting with the SAWC Spring, a collaboration that bolsters our efforts to understand the basic scientific mechanisms of wound healing and apply this information to wound care practice.

ABOUT THE WOUND HEALING SOCIETY

The Wound Healing Society (WHS) was established in 1989 and has since become known both nationally and internationally as the premier scientific organization focused on wound healing research and education. The WHS is a nonprofit organization composed of basic researchers, clinical scientists, and wound care specialists, and its mission is to improve wound-healing outcomes through science, professional education, and communication. The WHS is open to individuals who have a broad interest in advancing the field of wound healing and it presently has close to 600 active members in the United States and other countries. The Society's journals, *Wound Repair and Regeneration* and *Advances in Wound Care*, are the leading journals in their discipline. The WHS Annual Meeting (April 29–May 2, 2015) is held jointly with the Symposium on Advanced Wound Care Spring meeting to share the latest in wound healing research, discuss innovative technologies, develop new initiatives, network with colleagues, establish new collaborations, reconnect with old friends, and hopefully, make new ones.

Guiding Principles

Mission: To improve wound healing outcomes through science, professional education, and communication by:

- Leading multidisciplinary research in wound science and outcomes
- Linking scientists and clinicians to advance wound healing research
- Translating discovery into evidence-based clinical outcomes
- Communicating through mentoring, education, publications, and global networking

Visit www.woundheal.org for more information about the WHS and how to become a member. Member benefits include: journal subscriptions, wound healing educational materials, significant discounts to this SAWC Spring/WHS meeting and much more!

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AAWC CHAIRPERSONS' WELCOME

Celebrating our 20th year as an association, we welcome you to SAWC Spring, the official meeting site of the Association for the Advancement of Wound Care (AAWC). AAWC is the leading professional, multidisciplinary, membership organization in the United States dedicated to interprofessional wound healing and tissue preservation. AAWC's mission is to advance the care of people with and at risk for wounds. The association promotes excellence in education, clinical practice, public policy, and research.

AAWC endorses this meeting because of the exceptional educational opportunities that are provided to wound care professionals. This year, we are pleased to present attendees with the AAWC Clinical Practice Track, which provides unprecedented core clinical, multidisciplinary, and evidence-based sessions that include practical tips that can be implemented on Monday morning.

Members of AAWC have the added advantage of discounted registration fees to attend SAWC Spring. These discounts can more than cover annual membership dues. Other benefits of membership through the year include leadership and networking opportunities, governmental and regulatory alerts, automatic subscriptions to two premier wound care journals (*OWM* and *WOUNDS*), heavy discounts on educational materials, newsletters, members-only section of website, and participation in a variety of AAWC programs. These programs include: Global Volunteers, Speakers Bureau, Scholarship Program, Wounds In Need (WIN)—a patient advocacy group, and more. Become a member today at www.aawconline.org to open the door to a whole year of valuable benefits!



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About the Association for the Advancement of Wound Care*

Incorporated in 1995, AAWC is a not-for-profit association headquartered in the United States and is open to everyone involved in wound care, including clinicians, researchers, educators, patients and their lay caregivers, facilities, industry, students, retirees, and other advocates interested in the multidisciplinary approach to wound care. Our members have the opportunity, through numerous association benefits and activities, to be part of a collaborative community that facilitates optimal care for those who suffer with wounds. This community encourages an equal partnership among all individuals who are involved in the care of patients.

For more information about the AAWC and membership benefits, please visit www.aawconline.org.

*Please note that if you are a member of this association or if you join this association before registering for this conference, you will be entitled to a 20% registration discount.

Exciting Features for SAWC Spring/ WHS 2015



SAWC Young Investigator Abstract Competition

Clinical and research residents, fellows, and early career wound healing professionals are integral to our industry's future. As part of the 2015 SAWC Spring/WHS meeting, the Young Investigators Abstract Competition is the perfect way to highlight some of the best and the brightest new voices in wound healing, support their research, and encourage their teaching and research careers. The SAWC Young Investigator Abstract Competition allows residents and fellows to submit their work in four different categories: clinical research, laboratory research, case studies, or educational reports. Abstracts will be reviewed by a panel of leading experts in wound healing. There is no cost to submit an abstract for consideration and for the first time, authors will have a chance to win a full scholarship to SAWC Spring/WHS and the opportunity to present their work in a designated SAWC Spring Young Investigators Symposia. For more details, visit www.sawcspring.com.



**CONFERENCE APP
ICON TO COME**

SAWC Conference App

To have the premier wound care meeting at your fingertips, be sure to download the SAWC conference app before your arrival to the meeting. App features include the conference schedule, exhibitor list, faculty list, floor plan, continuing education information, poster session schedule, industry-supported symposia details, and other attendee information. The app will be available for download in early April. Stay tuned for updates.

**NP PHARMA CREDIT
ICON TO COME**

Nurse Practitioner Pharmacology Credit

As of January 2014, 25 pharmacology CE credits are required for all renewals of nurse practitioner certification. To help satisfy these requirements, SAWC Spring/WHS 2015 offers a variety of sessions that provide NPs with pharmacology credits. Sessions that award pharmacology credit hours are outlined in this brochure.

Session Tracks

levels and interests, this meeting offers several distinct tracks to help guide your education plan during the conference. The cosponsor of this conference, WHS, offers targeted education for those interested in learning more about where research is headed in wound care. All SAWC Spring/WHS attendees are welcome to attend these WHS-developed sessions.

TRACK 1: AAWC CLINICAL PRACTICE

The AAWC Clinical Practice track will provide evidence-based, patient-centered, multidisciplinary, practical information that clinicians will easily be able to share with decision makers and colleagues after the conference. Best practice pearls and tips will be delivered that can be implemented as early as Monday morning. This track will cover not only what to do to advance wound care as a professional practice and career, but also will empower the learner with the knowledge about how to do it.

SESSIONS 1, 6, 11, 16, 21, 26, 29, 34, 39, 46, 51, 52, 53, 58

TRACK 2: ADVANCED PRACTICE

Difficult wound cases require more than just a traditional approach. In some cases, traditional wound healing techniques may take the back seat when circumstances demand creative measures. In this advanced practice track, discussions will be centered on assessment and diagnostics of complex patient cases, harnessing both well-known and emerging treatment approaches, which are tailored to the unique needs of each patient.

SESSIONS 2, 7, 12, 17, 22, 27, 30, 35, 40, 47, 54, 59

TRACK 3: WOUND PREVENTION AND THERAPEUTICS

In this track, sessions will address the ways in which many types of acute and chronic wounds can be treated and prevented through pharmacological methods, diagnostic procedures, nutritional and behavioral management, and other novel means. Treatment methods such as debridement and negative pressure wound therapy, in particular, as well as new breakthroughs for hard-to-heal wounds will be explored.

SESSIONS 3, 8, 13, 18, 23, 31, 36, 41, 48, 55, 60

The SAWC Spring/WHS meeting offers education that is of interest to the interdisciplinary wound prevention and healing team throughout the continuum of care and across all practice settings. In order to highlight specific educational

TRACK 4: LIMB PRESERVATION

Preserving a limb can preserve a life, but sometimes, preserving a patient's quality of life may depend more on successful amputation rather than limb salvage. In what situations is it prudent to amputate? What strategies can clinicians employ when treating wounds caused from trauma, osteomyelitis, venous ulcers, or arterial disease? The sessions in this track will seek to answer these questions and provide clinicians with tools of the trade in preserving limbs and patients' lives.

SESSIONS 4, 9, 14, 19, 24, 32, 37, 42, 49, 56, 61

TRACK 5: POST-ACUTE CARE

Patients today rely on and benefit from a vast array of services meant to treat major health concerns and manage chronic disease with the goal of pursuing an independent, functional, and healthy life. A variety of practice settings are necessary for patients who require specialized follow-up care and coordinating care between acute and post-acute services may be challenging. These services, described collectively as post-acute care, support patients who require ongoing medical management, therapeutic, rehabilitative, or skilled nursing care. Sessions in this track are designed for clinicians in the post-acute care setting, including long-term acute care hospitals, short-term rehabilitation, skilled nursing, home health, palliative care, and hospice who manage patients with, or at risk of having, a wound. Sessions will explore common questions post-acute care providers have on topics such as accountability, successful communication, easing the transition across the care continuum, physical therapy considerations, pressure ulcer management, and more.

SESSIONS 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 33, 38, 43, 50, 57, 62

Learning Objectives

- Discuss strategies for advancing wound care as a professional practice and career
- Employ an interdisciplinary approach to wound prevention, treatment, and limb salvage
- Describe the comprehensive management of patients with venous, arterial, and diabetic wounds
- Provide optimal healthcare delivery through improved understanding payment schema, healthcare reform, and the use of novel wound care delivery technologies that allows for better wound care documentation
- Implement the latest best-practice strategies to prevent and manage pressure ulcers.
- Develop a systematic approach for assessing patients with skin problems, generate differential diagnosis of skin lesions, and determine treatment options for some common and unusual skin conditions
- Describe various factors that inhibit wound healing including medical comorbidities, commonly used drugs and devices, and patient behavioral challenges
- Review challenging cases of difficult-to-heal wounds where current and emerging wound therapies were used
- Assess existing evidence-based criteria for efficacy of commonly used wound care treatments including negative pressure wound therapy and hyperbaric oxygen therapy
- Illustrate the differences between acute and post-acute care services and organizations, and discuss how to better coordinate care across the spectrum





Wound Healing Society Program

The Wound Healing Society program, organized by the WHS and open to all SAWC Spring/WHS conference attendees, will discuss cutting-edge research and the science behind current approaches used in wound care. Topics will include: inflammation, regeneration, mechanobiology, fibrosis, microbiology, and the role of stem cells and the extracellular matrix in wound repair. A local scientific session made up of distinguished speakers from the San Antonio area and an international session with colleagues from the Japanese Society for Wound Healing will also be included. The meeting will offer two WHS general sessions: one keynote presentation will highlight the importance of cell-extracellular matrix interactions in tissue function, and the other keynote session will feature research presentations by two prominent members of the WHS community. Plenary sessions will cover basic and clinical aspects of selected hot topic areas while concurrent oral abstract sessions will represent research from the most meritorious abstracts as judged by peer reviewers. All sessions will present the latest research findings that are relevant to tissue repair and wound care.

Learning Objectives

- Discuss new scientific findings in the area of wound healing, including novel mechanisms of wound repair and new techniques used to study the healing process
- Critically evaluate new scientific research and proposed regulatory pathways involved in wound repair and regeneration
- Review new progress in the area of wound care, including new and emerging therapies for the treatment of acute wounds, burn wounds, chronic wounds, and scars

WHS Welcome and Introduction

8:00 A.M. – 8:15 A.M.

WHS Session A: Wound Healing Society Foundation Hunt Lecture (non-accredited)

8:15 A.M. – 9:15 A.M.



In the spirit of the pioneering work of its namesake, the speaker of the Thomas K. Hunt Endowed Lecture is chosen by the Wound Healing Society Foundation for his or her major contributions to scientific inquiry that are likely to advance the field of wound healing. This one-hour session will provide an overview of the inspiration for the speaker's work, discuss how the research might impact the field of wound healing, and conclude with a vision for the future of the speaker's research.

BREAK

9:15 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.

WHS Session B: New Concepts in Inflammation

9:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.



Inflammation is an important early event in the wound repair process. An inflammatory response is mounted after injury as a protective response to prevent infection. However, inflammation can also promote scarring/fibrosis and improper resolution can lead to persistent inflammation and chronic wounds. This session will discuss new research on the regulation of inflammation, inflammatory cell death, and resolution of inflammation.

BREAK

11:00 A.M. – 11:15 A.M.

WHS Session C: Models of Tissue Regeneration

11:15 A.M. – 12:45 P.M.



The goal of repairing tissues with a regenerative phenotype in response to tissue injury has been an active area of scientific investigation. There are many animal models that have the capacity for regenerative repair that can serve as a roadmap to achieve this goal. These models may provide insight into unique differences in various organ systems as it relates to regenerative healing and how it applies to the skin. This session will focus on the current state-of-the-art science in models of tissue regeneration.

LUNCH ON OWN

12:45 P.M. – 2:15 P.M.

WHS Session D: Mechanobiology and Fibrosis

2:15 P.M. – 3:45 P.M.



Cell behavior is exquisitely sensitive to mechanical forces within tissues. Mechanical forces based on the stiffness and consistency of extracellular matrix components, wound tension, and shear stress help dictate the speed and quality of wound repair. Mechanical forces appear to be especially important for determining the amount of scar tissue or fibrosis that is produced during the repair process. The contribution of mechanical forces to wound repair and new insights into the mechanisms of scar formation and fibrosis will be highlighted in this session.

BREAK

3:45 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

WHS Session E: Emerging Technologies and Innovative Approaches in Wound Healing

4:00 P.M. – 5:45 P.M.



There are numerous emerging approaches and technologies on the horizon that offer the promise to harness the natural biology of wound healing and promote repair. One example is the development of high throughput screening methods to identify potential targets that have a role in tissue repair. Another emerging approach stems from the development of novel imaging methods that enable in vivo investigation of wound repair at a cellular level, which will provide new insight into the wound repair process. Yet another emerging approach uses new protease detection methods to highlight the significant role of the protease degradome in wound healing. Lastly, given the myriad of issues with mouse models, the development of a humanized mouse model may have a significant impact on wound healing investigations. These emerging technologies and approaches will be introduced in this session and their possible applications to wound healing will be discussed.

INDUSTRY-SUPPORTED DINNER SYMPOSIUM

5:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

BREAK

5:45 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

WHS Membership Social

7:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.



WHS members are invited to the Alamo for dinner and night time entertainment. **Don't forget to pick up your tickets to this event at the WHS membership booth.**

Thursday, April 30, 2015

INDUSTRY-SUPPORTED BREAKFAST SYMPOSIA

7:30 A.M.–9:00 A.M.

BREAK

9:00 A.M.–9:15 A.M.

OPENING CEREMONY

9:15 A.M.–10:00 A.M.

►GENERAL SESSION DAY 1

Soothing the Burn: Lessons Learned, Success Stories, and New Challenges from the San Antonio Burn Center Community

10:00 A.M.–11:00 A.M.

The San Antonio community has made tremendous strides in burn care and management. This session will provide a brief overview of the history of burn treatment, and touch on when to refer patients to burn centers. The session will also elaborate on more specialized treatments on critical burn cases, the challenges to treating these advanced cases, and narrate the firsthand results of success.

BREAK

11:00 A.M.–11:15 A.M.

6 CONCURRENT SESSIONS (CHOOSE ONE)

11:15 A.M.–12:15 P.M.



►SESSION 1 AAWC CLINICAL PRACTICE

Wound Geography – Highlighting the Typical Anatomical Locations of Various Wound Etiologies



This interactive session will explore the geography of wounds, highlighting the typical anatomical locations of various wound etiologies. Seasoned clinicians and new clinicians will benefit from this engaging session through a guided tour of tissue types, tissue presentations, and a “Pin the Skin” body map to navigate the differential diagnosis process for improved clinical diagnosis, examination, and intervention.

►SESSION 2 ADVANCED PRACTICE

The Wounded Psyche: Factitious Wounds and Other Challenges

Psychological and emotional changes are an expected consequence of living with a chronic wound. Patients with wounds can experience a wide range of emotions and concerns, and these emotional states can negatively impact wound healing. Wound clinicians can play an important role in helping them navigate through this troubling time. Additionally, there are times that psychological issues are the root cause of the wound either by blatant lack of adherence to a treatment plan, secondary gains achieved from having a wound, or self-infliction of injury. This session will examine the role that emotional and mental health can play in both wounding and wound healing, with specific examples and suggestions for approaching and treating these patients.

►SESSION 3 WOUND PREVENTION AND THERAPEUTICS

Understanding and Breaking the Vicious Cycle of Chronic Wounds

A combination of intrinsic cellular dysfunction and abnormal microenvironmental cues are believed to contribute to the development and persistence of chronic wounds. However, the underlying mechanisms have not been completely defined and are not well understood. This session will discuss the latest breakthroughs in understanding why these wounds fail to progress through the normal phases of wound repair as well as innovative therapeutic interventions aimed at preventing and treating chronic wounds.

►SESSION 4 LIMB PRESERVATION

Assessing Blood Flow and Perfusion in Chronic Wounds

Chronic non-healing wounds, especially in the diabetic patient population, have been known to be related to impaired vascular processes. Thus, perfusion assessment is critical to detecting poor blood flow and such tests may reveal the wound healing potential. This session will review the techniques clinicians can use to accurately assess tissue perfusion in hard-to-heal wound types.

►SESSION 5 POST-ACUTE CARE

Home Health Wound Care: Practical Tips From the Field

The needs and skills in home care services are in high demand because approximately 30% of all home care admissions appear to be wound related. What are these specialized needs of home health-care patients? What can the home care wound care clinician bring to this field? What challenges can clinicians expect in this field and how can they overcome potential barriers? Join this session to engage with home healthcare experts and gain practical tips from the field to take back to your practice.

WHS Session F: Stem Cells in Tissue Repair and Regeneration Featuring the Japanese Society for Wound Healing



The Japanese Society for Wound Healing (JSWH) aims to contribute to society through promotion and development of basic and clinical research concerning wound healing. In this session, two distinguished speakers from the JSWH will present innovative research findings on the role of stem cells in tissue repair and regeneration.

BREAK

12:15 P.M.–12:30 P.M.

INDUSTRY-SUPPORTED LUNCH SYMPOSIA

12:30 P.M.–1:45 P.M.



BREAK

1:45 P.M.–2:00 P.M.



6 CONCURRENT SESSIONS (CHOOSE ONE)

2:00 P.M.–3:00 P.M.

►SESSION 6 AAWC CLINICAL PRACTICE

The Human Connection: The Patient Perspective on Wound Care

 Not only do providers deliver medical help, but also they attend to what a person with a wound **needs!** Do you display the important qualities of a provider? Join us for thought-provoking discussion and much needed *patient perspectives* on the human connection as it relates to the dynamic relationships between healthcare providers and patients with wounds. Issues of a patient's self-image, opinions on types and scope of education needed by the patient and lay-caregiver at all stages of healing, importance of careful communication (aka "breaking the news"), and ensuring the #1 team member (the person with the wound!) has the utmost quality of life will all be presented by those who understand these matters the most. Enjoy and be inspired by two inspirational speakers who have managed their wounds 24/7.

THIS SESSION AWARDS UP TO 0.25 ETHICS HOURS.

►SESSION 7 ADVANCED PRACTICE

Debunking Myths: "But We've Always Done It This Way"

Despite advances in the scientific understanding of wound care and wound healing, the approaches to the management of chronic wounds are often perpetuated by ritual and old practices. This popular session will look at some of these routines, examine where the flaws lie, and provide an evidence-based rationale for appropriate alternatives. This session will end with "4 out the door," four evidence-based recommendations for your wound care practice to replace old routine wound care habits.

THIS SESSION AWARDS UP TO 0.25 ETHICS HOURS.

►SESSION 8 WOUND PREVENTION AND THERAPEUTICS

Pharmacology 1 – Drugs That Help or Impair Healing

Clinicians must be aware of drugs that may help or hinder wound healing. There are many topical and systemic medications available that may enhance wound healing as well as many commonly used drugs that may need to be discontinued to achieve successful outcomes. This session will focus on pertinent current pharmaceutical information that will assist the provider in the care of the chronic wound patient.

THIS SESSION AWARDS UP TO 1.00 PHARMACOLOGY HOUR AND UP TO 0.25 ETHICS HOURS.

►SESSION 9 LIMB PRESERVATION

Osteomyelitis: Clinical Pearls

The ability to diagnose and manage osteomyelitis is a challenge to the multidisciplinary wound care team. Clinicians need to know: Who is at risk? Which patient characteristics should alert clinicians to the risk of osteomyelitis? Understanding the interplay of medical and surgical management and wound bed preparation is crucial for achieving successful patient outcomes. This session will provide important clinical practice pearls for the diagnosis and treatment of wounds associated with osteomyelitis using evidence from infectious, medical, and surgical wound management.

THIS SESSION AWARDS UP TO 0.25 PHARMACOLOGY HOURS.

►SESSION 10 POST-ACUTE CARE

Accountable Care Organizations: Caring for Wounds Across the Continuum

Healthcare reform necessitates seamless transitions of care across the continuum in a cost-effective manner. Clear communication of the plan of care and appropriate follow-up for the individual with a wound is crucial as Accountable Care Organizations assume more financial risk. Prevention of readmission is a key financial incentive for healthcare systems. This session will explore the journey of a wounded patient through all levels of care.

THIS SESSION AWARDS UP TO 0.50 ETHICS HOURS.



WHS Session G: Young Investigators Symposium

2:00 P.M.–4:15 P.M.



In this session, young investigators involved in cutting-edge research will compete for the WHS Young Investigator Award. The winner will present his or her work at the European Tissue Repair Society's Annual Congress. Oral presentations will feature the top eight abstracts submitted to the WHS by young investigators as well as the 2014 winner of the ETRS Young Investigator Award.

BREAK

3:00 P.M.–3:15 P.M.

5 CONCURRENT SESSIONS (CHOOSE ONE)

3:15 P.M.–4:15 P.M.

►SESSION 11 AAWC CLINICAL PRACTICE

Critical Issues in Washington that Do and Will Continue to Affect our Clinical Practice: An Interactive Session Where Your Voice will be Heard

 This session will identify recent healthcare issues impacting clinical practice, now and in the near future. Discussions will be centered on changes in policies and coverage that affect wound care services that clinicians need to know about and how to best work within new requirements. Moreover, the session will provide insight into how the clinical community is working in collaboration with payers and FDA to ensure wound care access for our patients. During the session, audience feedback will be captured for select issues.

►SESSION 12 ADVANCED PRACTICE

Tissue Biomechanics – May the Force Be With You!

Biomechanical forces affect all wounds. For example, shear injuries may negatively impact patients causing pressure ulcers or skin tears. Diabetic ulcers can be caused by pressure points on the foot. Conversely, the biomechanics also positively affect healing of various wound types. Microstrain with negative pressure wound therapy enhances cell division and healing. Offloading or surgical relief of pressure ulcers in the diabetic foot can also improve healing rates. This session will feature a discussion of these and other aspects of tissue biomechanics as well as new devices and drugs specifically designed to modify either forces on cells and tissues or their response.

►SESSION 13 WOUND PREVENTION AND THERAPEUTICS

When Talk Isn't Cheap: The Value of Patient and Family Communication

Communication with patients and family members about wound care prognosis and goals require specific skills for delivering clear messages and promoting open discussion. Ultimately, literature has shown that improving patient communication can improve patient adherence and the outcomes of care. This session provides examples of communication skills for clinicians to effectively engage with patients and their families about wounds, to discuss wound care goals, and to help patients and their families maintain sight of wound healing treatment and priorities.

THIS SESSION AWARDS UP TO 0.50 ETHICS HOURS.

►SESSION 14 LIMB PRESERVATION

The Charcot Foot: What You Need to Know

Understanding, recognizing, and treating the complex limb-threatening pathology of the Charcot foot is a challenging necessity. This discussion will include medical and surgical algorithms as well as insights into prevention and maintenance of the Charcot foot through proper use of total contact casting, bracing, Charcot restraint orthotic walker (CROW), and other offloading devices.

►SESSION 15 POST-ACUTE CARE

Coordination of Care: Admission, Readmission, and Transitioning Throughout the Post-Acute Spectrum

The coordination of care throughout the spectrum of acute to post-acute settings requires true collaboration from healthcare providers across all levels. However, there are certainly challenges in accomplishing seamless transitions from one setting to the next, and inevitably some patients experience an endless cycle of admission and discharge. Meanwhile, providers are faced with an onslaught of various consequences when patients are needlessly readmitted. This session will arm clinicians with strategies for better communication between acute and long-term care providers, and tools for better accountability and documentation.



BREAK

4:15 P.M.–4:30 P.M.

6 CONCURRENT SESSIONS (CHOOSE ONE)

4:30 P.M.–5:30 P.M.

►SESSION 16 AAWC CLINICAL PRACTICE

Murder She Wrote...The Clinical Conundrum of Sacral Ulcer Management



This session will discuss how clinical documentation or the lack thereof is contributing to the blame game for pressure ulcers and the potential for legal action against providers. Discussions will focus on what clinicians and institutions can do to appropriately assess and record clinical data in order to protect themselves from the increased risk of litigation over “accused” pressure ulcer formation. This session will also emphasize the way in which clinical documentation using hospital EHRs have increased rather than decreased vulnerabilities. We will review how the wording of well-intentioned policies and the NPUAP staging system contribute to the risk of litigation as well as accusations of elder abuse.

THIS SESSION AWARDS UP TO 1.00 ETHICS HOUR.

►SESSION 17 ADVANCED PRACTICE

Atypical Wounds 1: Dealing with Microthrombi

At first glance, a patient's wound may appear to be atypical, but a variety of exams may indicate otherwise. The histology exam is particularly useful for revealing positive diagnosis for chronic or pathological wounds, including findings of microthrombi and aggregates, minimum acute inflammation, vasculitis, vascular fibrosis, and more. This session will identify seemingly atypical wounds and uncover the process from diagnosis to treatment for these challenging wound types.

►SESSION 18 WOUND PREVENTION AND THERAPEUTICS

Neuropathy: Prevention and Treatment

Identifying the underlying cause of peripheral neuropathy can often point clinicians in the right direction toward treatment, but how can this condition be prevented and what underlying medical conditions are associated with neuropathy? This session will offer advice on preventing and treating neuropathy, emphasizing the importance of balanced diet, exercise, and other behavioral management techniques in addition to a variety of drugs that may alleviate pain and monitoring foot health for diabetics.

►SESSION 19 LIMB PRESERVATION

Venous Leg Ulcers: Compression, Surgery, and Beyond

This session will provide a comprehensive review of the evidence for proper medical and surgical interventions for venous leg ulcers, including those with mixed etiology. Discussion will include proper diagnosis and wound characteristics, vascular testing, compression therapy, when to biopsy, and the use of cell- and tissue-based products.

THIS SESSION AWARDS UP TO 0.25 PHARMACOLOGY HOURS.

►SESSION 20 POST-ACUTE CARE

Low Hanging Fruit: Predicting and Preventing Medical Device Related Pressure Ulcers

This session will feature a discussion on various modalities utilized to prevent medical device related pressure ulcers. Modalities such as moisture management, appropriate bed surfaces, use of topical skin protection products, optimal turning, and other offloading devices will be considered.

THIS SESSION AWARDS UP TO 0.25 ETHICS HOURS.

WHS Session H: WHS Concurrent Oral Abstracts I



Oral abstract presentations will feature the highest scoring abstracts submitted to the WHS.

GRAND OPENING OF EXHIBITS/COCKTAIL RECEPTION

5:30 P.M.–8:30 P.M.



SAWC DAY TWO & WHS DAY THREE

Friday, May 1, 2015

**INDUSTRY-SUPPORTED
BREAKFAST SYMPOSIA**

7:30 A.M.–9:00 A.M.

BREAK

9:00 A.M.–9:15 A.M.

**WHS SESSION I: Microbial Host
Interactions**

9:00 A.M.–10:15 A.M.



Interactions between various microorganisms and host cells play a central role in wound repair. Healing rates can be affected both by pre-existing normal flora and microbes that colonize the wound. This session will discuss the impact of the microbiome and biofilms on wound healing.



5 CONCURRENT SESSIONS (CHOOSE ONE)

9:15 A.M.–10:15 A.M.

►SESSION 21 AAWC CLINICAL PRACTICE

Red Leg – Is it Venous, Arterial, Lymph, Mixed, or Cellulitis?



Seeing is not always believing! Take the case of “red leg.” This is often misconstrued as cellulitis and is therefore managed improperly. Take the guesswork out of your clinical assessment. Distinguishing true cellulitis from its many imitators is challenging but critical if we are to avoid unnecessary use of antibiotics and delays in treatment. Join this session to learn the differences between the various types of issues that cause “red leg” and the appropriate tests, measures, and interventions for successful identification and management.

►SESSION 22 ADVANCED PRACTICE

Obtaining a Wound Culture: Getting the Right Drug to the Bug

In most cases, the diagnosis of a wound infection is based on clinical findings, and then a culture is done to guide antibiotic therapy. In other cases, culturing is useful to rule out atypical or fungal infections. In this era of bacterial resistance and biofilms, performing an appropriate, meaningful, and useful culture is critical to successful infection control. This session will explore the current data on culture techniques including the qualitative and quantitative reporting of swab and tissue cultures, as well as the presently available options in PCR/DNA testing.

THIS SESSION AWARDS UP TO 0.25 PHARMACOLOGY HOURS.

►SESSION 23 WOUND PREVENTION AND THERAPEUTICS

Diagnostics and Biometrics: The Future is Now

This session will focus on the key biomarkers such as wound area, depth, volume, and color as reliable and reproducible measures to quantify healing progression. The accuracy in measuring these parameters is critical for establishing alternate healing and final end points. The application of diagnostic biometrics is essential for the success of clinical trials and patient documentation for reimbursement.

►SESSION 24 LIMB PRESERVATION

Offloading the Diabetic Foot: Perception vs. Reality

In reality, successful healing of the diabetic foot ulcer is based on complex variables such as wound location, circulation, blood sugar control, and possibly most important, a patient's willingness to adhere to an agreed upon treatment plan. This session will focus on data and practical information regarding application of effective off-loading of the diabetic foot ulcer.

THIS SESSION AWARDS UP TO 0.25 ETHICS HOURS.

►SESSION 25 POST-ACUTE CARE

Pressure Ulcer Diagnosis and Management

Pressure ulcers (PUs) are not caused by pressure alone. In fact, the majority are complex wounds of mixed etiologies that are categorized and defined as pressure ulcers. Diagnosis of pressure ulcers involves identifying the mechanisms of tissue injury and complicating factors that increase vulnerability. Understanding that the ulcer must stabilize before it can begin to heal complicates its diagnosis because the damaged tissues may still be in the dying process. This session focuses on accurate diagnosis of PUs, recognition of wounds that may appear to be pressure ulcers but are not, and effective interventions based on the diagnosis.

THIS SESSION AWARDS UP TO 0.25 ETHICS HOURS.

BREAK

10:15 A.M.–10:30 A.M.

NON-MEAL INDUSTRY-SUPPORTED SYMPOSIA

10:30 A.M.–11:30 A.M.

4 CONCURRENT SESSIONS (CHOOSE ONE)

10:30 A.M.–11:30 A.M.

►SESSION 26 AAWC CLINICAL PRACTICE

AAWC RESEARCH POSTER GRAND ROUNDS



As the name implies, the AAWC Research Poster Grand Rounds is a moving session where attendees assemble at one of five AAWC educational posters and are given a brief lecture about how to present an effective research poster. Afterward, attendees are escorted to 2–3 specially selected posters, which have been submitted in advance by poster presenters for AAWC critique. Attendees will learn how to present clinical research/education in an effective poster format by viewing and discussing examples of what one should and should not present when developing an effective, methodologically rigorous poster for dissemination.

Please note: Space is limited. Please register early. Anyone with limited or inability to walk is alerted that this is a session requiring movement around the poster hall. Please plan accordingly.

►SESSION 27

SAWC Oral Abstract Presentations #1

These presentations will feature the most current, cutting-edge information and innovative data from the highest scoring abstracts.

►SESSION 28

SAWC Oral Abstract Presentations #2

These presentations will feature the most current, cutting-edge information and innovative data from the highest scoring abstracts.

WHS Session J: Local Scientific Program: Stem Cells, Burns, and Military Wounds

10:30 A.M.–11:45 A.M.



This session will highlight local speakers from the Central Texas/San Antonio area, which has a rich history in wound healing research. Featured speakers will include researchers from local medical centers and investigators from the military/armed forces. The session will discuss broad topics related to inflammation, matrix, stem cells, and burn/traumatic wounds.

BREAK

11:30 A.M.–11:45 A.M.

LUNCH IN THE EXHIBIT HALL

11:45 A.M.–2:15 P.M.



AAWC and WHS Meet the Mentors

12:00 P.M.–2:00 P.M.



After a short presentation and panel discussion, participants break into round tables to discuss issues at the forefront of wound healing research and training: how to find a mentor, how to establish collaborations, how to interact with industry, academics, and funding agencies, and how to develop a career in wound healing and/or research.

BREAK

2:00 P.M.–2:15 P.M.

6 CONCURRENT SESSIONS (CHOOSE ONE)

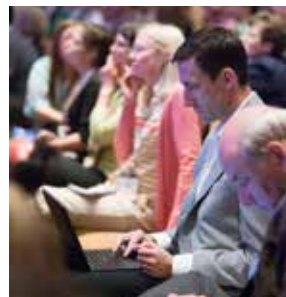
2:15 P.M.–3:15 P.M.

►SESSION 29 AAWC CLINICAL PRACTICE

Focusing on Basics – The Who, What, When, Where, and Why of Wound Care Dressings



Clinicians are faced with a vast selection of wound dressings, making it difficult to decide what to use. This session will help the clinician match the right dressing with the right wound at the right time with the right patient. Wound management requires astute local wound assessment, holistic patient assessment, understanding of the principles of wound management and knowledge of available wound care dressing options. This session will present the characteristics of a physiologic wound environment and assessment parameters that guide dressing selection. Indications, precautions, and contraindications for active dressing components and formulations will be discussed. The impact of different factors (eg, bioburden, age of the wound, presence or absence of inflammation, compromised immune function, wound location, diabetes, care setting) on wound care dressing selection will also be presented.



►SESSION 30 ADVANCED PRACTICE

Dermatology: What the Wound Care Provider Needs to Know

Skin involvement and compromise is an obvious component of managing the wound care patient. This session will summarize the types of dermatological problems that are common in periwound skin and assess how to handle complications from allergic reactions to substances. Diagnostics and therapeutic interventions will be reviewed.

THIS SESSION AWARDS UP TO 0.25 PHARMACOLOGY HOURS.

►SESSION 31 WOUND PREVENTION AND THERAPEUTICS

Peter Sheehan Memorial Session Best Papers of 2014 – The SAWC Journal Club

In tribute to the late Dr. Peter Sheehan and the contribution he made to the wound care community through literature, this session will identify publications from 2014 with the highest biomedical impact in wound care. The moderators will summarize the findings and the implications of the report and provide a critical evaluation of their design.

►SESSION 32 LIMB PRESERVATION

Adjunctive Management of Venous Disease: Nonsurgical and Surgical Management

This session will focus on medical management of venous disease including the use of evidence for compression garments and pneumatic pumps. The session will also review surgical management techniques including venous ablation and stripping with an overall goal being venous ulcer prevention.

THIS SESSION AWARDS UP TO 0.25 PHARMACOLOGY HOURS.

►SESSION 33 POST-ACUTE CARE

Biology and Physiology of Exercise and Wound Healing

Recent studies show that exercise has a positive effect on wound healing outcomes, although there is no significant or concrete data about the mechanisms through which exercise speeds healing. This session will examine the benefits of exercise from the biological to physiological levels through a multidisciplinary approach.

WHS Session K: Concurrent Oral Abstract Presentations II



Oral presentations will feature the highest scoring abstracts submitted to the WHS.

BREAK

3:15 P.M.–3:30 P.M.

WHS Day 3 General Session: The Tissue Microenvironment as a Key Regulator of Cell Behavior

3:30 P.M.–4:30 P.M.



The importance of interactions between cells and the extracellular matrix has been demonstrated in a variety of pathological and physiological processes including cancer development and progression, wound healing, and tissue regeneration. This session will highlight over three decades of work illustrating that the local tissue microenvironment and the extracellular matrix surroundings play critical roles in the regulation of gene transcription and cell behavior.

BREAK

4:30 P.M.–4:45 P.M.

6 CONCURRENT SESSIONS (CHOOSE ONE)

4:45 P.M.–5:45 P.M.

►SESSION 34 AAWC CLINICAL PRACTICE

A Debate: Devices and Topical Treatment Therapies: Are They Under- or Over-Utilized, Misunderstood, or Is There Just No Evidence?

 Has the FDA's deleted requirement for wound device evidence of efficacy left us with little evidence? If so, how can conscientious professionals inform their device decisions with evidence to use devices efficiently to optimize wound care outcomes? Join us for a spirited debate about whether device-based wound care is mired in hype and opinion or on the evidence-based express.

THIS SESSION AWARDS UP TO 0.25 ETHICS HOURS.

►SESSION 35 ADVANCED PRACTICE

Making the Grade: Evaluating the Evidence for Cell and Tissue Therapy Products

There is presently a plethora of cell- and tissue-based products available for wound care, some with established evidence for efficacy and many without. This session examines the cell-based categories of products and where they best fit in the overall management of problematic wounds in the context of the ever-evolving world of wound care reimbursement.

►SESSION 36 WOUND PREVENTION AND THERAPEUTICS

Rapid Fire Wound Pearls

Back by popular demand, this stimulating session will be presented by a panel of interdisciplinary wound care experts from nursing, physical therapy, podiatry, medicine, and surgery who will provide experience-based insights to improve diagnosis, treatment, and management of both chronic and acute wounds.

►SESSION 37 LIMB PRESERVATION

Biomechanical Foot and Ankle Surgery

Wound healing in weight-bearing locations requires offloading along with standard wound care. In addition to orthotics and casting, surgery can offer an option to provide offloading and stabilization as well as wound healing. This session will review various surgical techniques that can provide patients with long-term solutions and aid in both primary and secondary prevention. Surgical techniques from plastic, orthopedic, and podiatric surgery will be reviewed.

►SESSION 38 POST-ACUTE CARE

Pain Management: Arming your Toolkit

All patients experience pain at some point during the wound healing process. Whether it is of nociceptive or neuropathic origins, pain is one of the "vital signs" in a patient that cannot be ignored and needs to be properly treated. This session will discuss the kinds of pain patients will experience from background pain to incident, procedural and operative pain, and evaluate the treatment regimens that best fit the type of wound or the type of pain patients experience. Join this session to arm your toolkit with a useful array of pain management options.

THIS SESSION AWARDS UP TO 0.25 ETHICS HOURS.

WHS Session L: Wound Healing Society Foundation-3M Award Lecture



This session will announce the 2015 WHSF-3M Fellowship winner and will feature a presentation on the research findings of the 2014 WHSF-3M Fellowship recipient, Peter M. Abadir, MD. Dr. Abadir's fellowship research was based on the novel reformulation of angiotensin receptor blockers for the treatment of diabetic wounds.

WHS Business Meeting



5:45 P.M.–6:45 P.M.



BREAK

5:45 P.M.–6:00 P.M.

AAWC's 20th Anniversary Membership Meeting: "Help Shape Our Field!"

6:00 P.M.–7:15 P.M.



A future goal of the association is to develop practical and meaningful end points that matter to our patients. We need your voice to get this right! Take part in this exciting, interactive membership meeting where you will network with peers and have a voice in shaping the future of our field. Afterwards, continue celebrating AAWC's anniversary by joining with all attendees at the SAWC-sponsored party, "AAWC 20th Anniversary Celebration," being held from 8:30 p.m.–10:30 p.m. Location information will be announced soon.

WHS Session M: Rapid Fire Poster Talks (non-accredited)

6:45 P.M.–7:15 P.M.



New for 2015! This session will highlight the highest scoring abstracts selected for poster presentations. Eight short rapid fire poster talks will be featured. Presenters will have one slide and two minutes to summarize novel research findings, then one minute to answer questions. This session will immediately precede the poster gala, where all poster presenters will be available to discuss their research.

SAWC and WHS Poster Gala/Awards

7:15 P.M.–8:30 P.M.

Poster presenters will attend this entire event.



AAWC 20th Anniversary Celebration

8:30 P.M.–10:30 P.M.



Saturday, May 2, 2015

INDUSTRY-SUPPORTED BREAKFAST SYMPOSIA

7:30 A.M.–9:00 A.M.

BREAK

9:00 A.M.–9:15 A.M.

WHS Day 4 General Session: Recent Advances in Wound Healing Research and Therapeutics

9:15 A.M.–10:15 A.M.



This general session will feature two distinguished speakers from the Wound Healing Society membership. This year's speakers will be clinicians with active basic science/translational research programs. Current research results from relevant pre-clinical models will be presented and the potential clinical impact of those findings will be discussed.

BREAK

10:15 A.M.–10:30 A.M.

6 CONCURRENT SESSIONS
(CHOOSE ONE)

10:30 A.M.–11:30 A.M.

►SESSION 39 AAWC CLINICAL PRACTICE

Stepping up the Management of Diabetic Foot Ulcers: Managing the Patient and the Wound



This lecture will discuss the serious nature of foot ulcers in patients with diabetes and review a patient-centered approach to the treatment of this ailment. Topics will include the challenges in formulating a team and the potential benefits of a patient advocate.



►SESSION 40 ADVANCED PRACTICE

Wound Scene Investigation 1

Slow-healing wounds often provide big challenges. What is a clinician to do? In this interactive SAWC staple program, a panel of clinicians and scientists will provide practical strategies for discovering the obstacles to healing, as well as provide potential interventions to overcoming these obstacles.

►SESSION 41 WOUND PREVENTION AND THERAPEUTICS

High Tech Nutrition: Making the Connection Between Lean Body Mass and Wound Healing

The loss of lean body mass affects functional independence and impairs many of the body's physiologic functions including wound healing. The phrase "body composition" is used to describe the different components of the body that make up a person's total body weight. Weight on a traditional scale does not tell the entire story about a person's nutritional status. Two people can weigh the same exact number of pounds but have very different body compositions. This high tech session will include demonstrations of a scale that measures more than total weight. Participants will be able to have their own body composition tested at no charge to illustrate how patients with wounds differ in body composition than healthy individuals. When the body's lean tissues are eroded or wasted, the work of the body becomes more difficult, which is a scenario we experience in many patients with chronic wounds. This issue can be confusing because many overweight and obese patients are actually quite depleted and require timely nutrition intervention. Reversing lean body mass loss is a hot research topic with new studies focusing on the role mTOR plays in protein synthesis, the distribution of dietary protein throughout the day, and supplements such as beta-hydroxy beta-methylbutyrate [HMB]. Come hear more about these exciting developments and leave with fresh ideas so you too can practice cutting-edge NEW-trition!

►SESSION 42 LIMB PRESERVATION

The Robert Warriner Memorial Session: Hyperbaric Oxygen for the At-Risk Limb

Hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT) is presently undergoing an evolution in terms of indications, responsible use, and reimbursement. While much is understood about the physiology of HBOT for problematic wounds, this session will focus on the potential benefit and responsible use of HBOT in the setting of critical limb ischemia, honoring the strides of the late Robert Warriner made in this area of the field.



►SESSION 43 POST-ACUTE CARE

Palliative Wound Care: The Ethics of End of Life Treatment

Palliative care encourages clinicians to consider the patient's wishes and best interests especially with regards to end-of-life care. This session will explore the ethical responsibilities and challenges of providing for patients with pressure ulcers, surgical wounds, cancer-related wounds, and wound care in home health or end-of-life.

THIS SESSION AWARDS UP TO 1.00 ETHICS HOUR.

WHS Session N: Concurrent Oral Abstract Presentations III



Oral presentations will feature the highest scoring abstracts submitted to the WHS.

BREAK

11:30 A.M.–11:45 A.M.

LUNCH IN THE EXHIBIT HALL

11:45 A.M.–2:15 P.M.

General Session Day 3: John Boswick Memorial Award And Lectureship

2:15 P.M.–3:15 P.M.

ABSTRACT TBD

BREAK

3:15 A.M.–3:30 A.M.

2 CONCURRENT SESSIONS (CHOOSE ONE)

3:30 P.M.–4:30 P.M.

►SESSION 44

SAWC Oral Abstract Presentations #3

These presentations will feature the most current, cutting-edge information and innovative data from the highest scoring abstracts.

►SESSION 45

SAWC Spring Young Investigators Symposia – Oral Abstract Presentations #4

The SAWC Spring recognizes young investigators involved in cutting-edge research with a specially designated session to highlight some of the best and the brightest new voices in wound healing, support their research, and to encourage their teaching and research careers.

NON-MEAL INDUSTRY-SUPPORTED SYMPOSIA

3:30 P.M.–4:30 P.M.

BREAK

4:30 P.M.–4:45 P.M.

5 CONCURRENT SESSIONS (CHOOSE ONE)

4:45 P.M.–5:45 P.M.

►SESSION 46 AAWC CLINICAL PRACTICE

Hyperbaric Oxygen – A Therapy under Pressure—Optimizing a Program for Success



This session will discuss what clinicians need to understand about the practice of HBOT and the threats looming from: 1) clinical documentation requirements to establish medical necessity; 2) pre-authorization requirements for treatment; 3) staff credentialing and training requirements; 4) facility accreditation requirements and; 5) the AMA's re-evaluation of the physician work component of chamber supervision. Presenters will touch on the RAC audits of medical necessity and fraud convictions of some HBOT operators. The "pressure" has never been greater on HBOT programs.

►SESSION 47 ADVANCED PRACTICE

Wound Scene Investigation 2

Continuing the theme of its sister session, Wound Scene Investigation 1, a panel of clinicians and scientists collaborate to examine real wounds in a case-study approach and provide strategies for discovering the obstacles to healing, as well as provide potential interventions to overcome these obstacles.

►SESSION 48 WOUND PREVENTION AND THERAPEUTICS

Pharmacology 2: Cutaneous Results of Adverse Events

Patients take multiple medications for a variety of medical problems. There are some medications that actually induce wounding as opposed to simply impairing the patient's ability to heal. This session will review those medications, which potentially cause life-threatening skin conditions such as Stevens-Johnson syndrome and toxic epidermal necrolysis.

THIS SESSION AWARDS UP TO 0.50 PHARMACOLOGY HOURS.

►SESSION 49 LIMB PRESERVATION

Nonsurgical and Surgical Management of Arterial Disease

Wound management in the patient with peripheral arterial disease is a complex issue that can be managed by a variety of techniques. These patients often require an interdisciplinary approach that combines surgical revascularization with a medical therapy such as pharmacological agents, exercise, and the use of an arterial compression device.

THIS SESSION ACTIVITY AWARDS UP TO 0.25 PHARMACOLOGY HOURS.

►SESSION 50 POST-ACUTE CARE

Dressings, DME, and Prosthetics: The Challenge of Getting Patients What They Need

Frequently, our treatment decisions are made not based on what is best to promote wound healing, but by what is covered by insurance companies or by what the uninsured patient can afford. This session will review wound treatments that are commonly covered by insurance and those that are not, and review alternative ideas when coverage is not available or the patient is not insured.

THIS SESSION AWARDS UP TO 0.50 ETHICS HOURS.

Supported by an educational grant from Advanced Tissue



BREAK

5:45 P.M.–6:00 P.M.



2 CONCURRENT SESSIONS (CHOOSE ONE)

6:00 P.M.–7:30 P.M.

►SESSION 51 AAWC CLINICAL PRACTICE

AAWC Speaker Training: Delivering an Effective Message to Colleagues, Patients, and Just About Anyone You Meet



Complementary to the AAWC Speakers Bureau program, this session is designed to help budding and seasoned speakers enhance their overall communication skills, and provides concepts for keeping your audience engaged when giving platform presentations from the first welcome to the very last word. Wound care experts must consider each audience and effectively deliver information to colleagues, clinicians, patients, and families. This presentation will present speaking basics, strategies to organize effective PowerPoint presentations, and practical tips for a clear, effective delivery of a focused message. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the AAWC Speakers Bureau and/or those looking to brush up communication and presentation skills are encouraged to attend.

THIS SESSION AWARDS UP TO 0.25 ETHICS HOURS.

►SESSION 52 AAWC CLINICAL PRACTICE

AAWC Global Volunteers: Optimizing Patient Care with Limited Resources and Exploring Volunteer Opportunities



The AAWC Global Volunteers program continues to provide wound care education across the globe in partnership with Health Volunteers Overseas. In this session, volunteers will share their experiences throughout the world. The mission of the program, the responsibilities of the volunteer, locations available for volunteer work, and travel scholarship information will be presented. Learn about the challenges, unique approaches, and basic materials that have been utilized to help train the trainer in resource poor areas.

SAWC DAY FOUR

Sunday, May 3, 2015

INDUSTRY-SUPPORTED BREAKFAST SYMPOSIA

7:30 A.M.–9:00 A.M.

BREAK

9:00 A.M.–9:15 A.M.

5 CONCURRENT SESSIONS (CHOOSE ONE)

9:15 A.M.–10:15 A.M.

►SESSION 53: AAWC CLINICAL PRACTICE

Edema: The Physiological Bayou – Diagnosis and Management across the Continuum of Care

Legs that swell can be severely disadvantaged when it comes to wound healing. Recognizing the cause of edema is very important to enable immediate and long-term control of the swelling to help prevent wound recidivism. In this session, we will explore the role of edema management in wound healing using the acronym DOMINATE, which helps standardize the treatment of any wound type. Differential diagnosis and treatment of various types of edema will be presented, including practical tips for quick recognition and effective management. Integration of care across specialties to achieve optimal results will be emphasized.

►SESSION 54: ADVANCED PRACTICE

Atypical Wounds 2: Bites, Stings, Infections, and Infestations

Some patients may have chronic wounds that do not respond to standard care, leading the clinician to ask, “What is that wound?” The lack of progression or failure to heal may be from atypical infections, many of which may occur after travel to foreign countries or tropical regions. This session will review more atypical wounds that result from bacterial, fungal, or parasitic infections uncommonly seen in the United States.

THIS SESSION AWARDS UP TO 0.50 PHARMACOLOGY HOURS.

►SESSION 55: WOUND PREVENTION AND THERAPEUTICS

Debridement: Back to the Basics or Back to the Future?

Debridement is an essential component of wound bed preparation. It is vital for wound care providers to understand the what, how, and when of debridement to properly match the most appropriate form of debridement to the wound and the patient. Various forms of debridement will be discussed along with indications, precautions, and contraindications to maximize clinical outcomes. Debridement and scope of practice will also be discussed for various healthcare providers involved with wound care.

►SESSION 56: LIMB PRESERVATION

Clinical Trials – Participating with a Purpose

In spite of continuous research advances and new inventions, very few of these discoveries transition successfully to clinical practice. This session will discuss the approaches to the design of clinical trials for chronic wound patients, common mistakes, and best practices. It will also review required infrastructure necessary for a center to participate in a clinical trial and discuss setting outcomes and data analyses. In addition, this session will provide an update on ongoing clinical trials and future pipeline trials.

►SESSION 57: POST-ACUTE CARE

Moisture-Associated Skin Damage

Moisture-associated skin damage is a unique form of integumentary dysfunction. Although the underlying cause is moisture, the source of the moisture and clinical presentation can vary. This session will provide clinically useful information to readily identify and manage this often misunderstood and misdiagnosed skin impairment. Prevention, identification, and management strategies will be discussed through case studies.

THIS SESSION AWARDS UP TO 0.25 ETHICS HOURS.

BREAK

10:15 A.M.–10:30 A.M.

5 CONCURRENT SESSIONS (CHOOSE ONE)

10:30 A.M.–11:30 A.M.



►SESSION 58: AAWC CLINICAL PRACTICE

Small Patients, Big Problems: Pediatrics—A Much Needed, New, and Rarely Focused on Area of Wound Healing

Myths and pitfalls abound in pediatric wound care. Lack of research, age disparities, and safety concerns exist in a population that has been mistakenly thought to “always heal.” Increasing patient acuity and rising complication rates foster the need to reassess how we care for our *smallest* patients. This session will explore the current knowledge gaps in pediatric wound care, dispel common myths and identify safety considerations in the management of the pediatric patient. Interesting and complicated clinical cases will be presented and discussed.

THIS SESSION AWARDS UP TO 0.50 ETHICS HOURS.

►SESSION 59: ADVANCED PRACTICE

Dealing with Sickle Cell Ulcers and Other Hemoglobinopathies

This session will be a literature-based update on new information related to sickle cell ulcers and related hemoglobinopathies. The causes of and treatments for various stages of severity of these types of ulcers will be discussed.

►SESSION 60: WOUND PREVENTION AND THERAPEUTICS

Hot Topics in Negative Pressure

In the second decade of negative pressure wound therapy (NPWT), many unanswered questions remain in the utilization of this modality for wound closure. What is the optimal pressure? What is the value of instillation? What is the incidence of adverse events and do patients require consent for NPWT procedures with FDA warnings attached? When do patients reach maximal benefit? It is often easier to discern when to start the therapy, but far more challenging to know when to stop. This session will brainstorm answers to these important questions surrounding the use of NPWT.

►SESSION 61: LIMB PRESERVATION

When Amputation is not a Failure

For some patients, limb salvage is not an option. Commonly, this may be due to severe peripheral arterial disease not amenable to revascularization or to limb-threatening infection. Patients may also sustain significant tissue destruction that results in foot deformities that lead to recurrent ulcers despite appropriate footwear. This session will review how amputation can be lifesaving, result in proximal limb salvage, and allow patients to move forward with prosthetics that improve overall quality of life.

THIS SESSION AWARDS UP TO 0.25 ETHICS HOURS.

►SESSION 62: POST-ACUTE CARE

Complexities of Managing Wounds in the Obese Patient

Adult and childhood obesity rates have reached epidemic levels in the United States and it is imperative for clinicians to understand how obesity affects cell, organ, and system functions as well as drug therapy for managing this disease. The effects of obesity on overall and skin health as well as wound healing will be discussed.

BREAK

11:30 A.M.–11:45 A.M.

►GENERAL SESSION DAY 4

Regeneration: Where we Are, Where we are Going

11:45 A.M.–12:45 P.M.

Regenerative medicine and tissue engineering apply the principles of cell transplantation, material sciences, and bioengineering to construct biological substitutes that may restore and maintain normal function in diseased and injured tissues. This session will highlight recent advances in the field of regenerative medicine and review the applications of these new technologies that may offer novel therapies for patients with tissue injury.

LUNCH ON OWN

12:45 P.M.–1:30 P.M.



POST-CONFERENCE

ADDITIONAL FEES APPLY.

3 CONCURRENT SESSIONS (CHOOSE ONE)

1:30 P.M.–4:30 P.M.

►SESSION 63

Post-conference: Reimbursement

This in-depth session provides a synopsis of government programs and how they affect reimbursement and delivery of care. Healthcare providers will be provided resources through which they can be informed of current and upcoming health policies. Finally, this session will discuss how reimbursement changes and how this impacts inpatient and outpatient wound care.

►SESSION 64

Post-conference: Debridement

This hands-on course provides healthcare providers an opportunity to practice safe and effective methods of debridement. Debridement techniques include surgical (instrument/sharp), chemical, mechanical, biological methods, or autolysis. Each modality has advantages, disadvantages, indications for use, and risks. A review of anatomy and physiology, legal and safety factors, potential complications, and techniques of debridement will be presented. Debridement techniques will be practiced in a skills lab setting utilizing porcine models. Upon completion of this course, a certificate of attendance will be awarded, and the participants will be encouraged to return to their practice settings for a hands-on patient experience and competency demonstration.

THIS SESSION AWARDS UP TO 0.25 ETHICS HOURS.

►SESSION 65

Post-Conference: Compression and Offloading

Studies support the use of compression and offloading in the management of lower extremity wounds. This session will discuss the medical evidence and the role of compression therapy for venous insufficiency and lymphedema, the medical treatment of lower extremity edema, and offloading for wound healing in the diabetic foot. This hands-on workshop will demonstrate the application of a variety of compression and offloading techniques.

Intended Learners

This conference is designed for physicians, nurses, physical therapists, researchers, scientists, podiatrists, and dietitians across all practice settings involved in the prevention, treatment, and management of patients with wounds and those interested in the latest research findings that are relevant to tissue repair and wound care.

Accreditation Information

This activity has been planned and implemented by North American Center for Continuing Medical Education, LLC (NACCME) and the Wound Healing Society. NACCME is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

Physicians NACCME designates this live activity for a maximum of 27.50 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s). Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

6.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ for WHS Day 1

18.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ for the main conference

3.00 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ for the post-conference

Nurses This continuing nursing education activity awards 6.25 contact hours for WHS Day 1, 18.25 contact hours for the main conference, and 3.00 contact hours for the post-conference.

Provider approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, Provider Number 13255 for 6.25 contact hours for WHS Day 1, 18.25 contact hours for the main conference, and 3.0 contact hours for the post-conference.

This continuing nursing education activity awards up to 3.50 pharmacology hours.

Podiatrists North American Center for Continuing Medical Education, LLC (NACCME), is approved by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education as a sponsor of continuing education in podiatric medicine.

This program is approved for 6.25 contact hours for WHS Day 1, 18.25 contact hours for the main conference, and 3.00 contact hours for the post-conference.

NACCME estimates approximately 7.00 contact hours of this program fulfills ethics requirements.

Dietitians North American Center for Continuing Medical Education, LLC (NACCME), is a Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Accredited Provider with the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR). CDR Credentialed Practitioners will receive 6.25 continuing professional units for WHS Day 1, 18.25 continuing professional education units for the main conference, and 3.00 continuing professional education units for the post-conference for completion of this activity/material. Provider #HMO01. Level 3 Synthesis.

Physical Therapists North American Center for Continuing Medical Education, LLC (NACCME), will apply for pre-approval accreditation in California, Florida, Louisiana, Maryland, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Washington, which require preapproval. If you practice in another state, please consult its PT board.

Hardware/Software Requirements

All educational activities are accessible via a PC (Windows 2000/XP/Vista/7) or Mac (Mac OS 10.x or later) computer with current versions of the following browsers: Internet Explorer, Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome, or Safari. Windows Media Player or compatible alternative, sound card, and speakers are required for streamed audio. The latest version of the Adobe Flash Player is suggested (please download here) for video programs. A PDF reader is required for print publications. Please direct technical questions to webmaster@naccme.com.

Requirements for Credit

To be eligible for documentation of credit for each session attended, participants must participate in the full activity and complete the online general survey and the online evaluation form for each session by June 3, 2015. Complete the forms at <http://www.myexpocredits.com/naccme>. Once complete, participants may immediately print documentation of credit.

For questions regarding this educational activity, please call 609-371-1137.

Privacy Policy

NACCME protects the privacy of personal and other information regarding participants, educational partners, and joint sponsors. NACCME and our joint sponsors will not release personally identifiable information to a third party without the individual's consent, except such information as is required for reporting purposes to the appropriate accrediting agency.

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Hotel & Travel



The SAWC Spring/WHS is being held at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. Register early and book your hotel when your registration process is complete.

Airline Discounts/Reservations

Airfare discounts from 2% to 10% for SAWC Spring/WHS participants are available. Discounts are valid on travel from April 24, 2015 to May 6, 2015. Book your flight by contacting:

United Airlines

www.United.com

Discount Code: ZT62733300

Delta Airlines

www.Delta.com

Discount Code: NMJXL

You may also book your flight by calling HMP Travel at 800-237-7285, ext 218. Tickets booked via phone are subject to a \$35 booking fee.

Hotel Reservations

Registration for the SAWC Spring/WHS must be completed before hotel reservations will be accepted. To register, please visit www.sawcpring.com. Once you have completed the registration process, you will be directed to secure your hotel room. Please note that hotels will not accept reservations directly.

Hotel Reservations Deadline

Hotel reservations must be made by Friday, March 20, 2015 to ensure confirmation of the special SAWC Spring/WHS rates. One night's deposit plus tax is required to hold your reservation and is nonrefundable for any cancellation. Additional guest charges may apply for more than two occupants per room—check when making your reservations.

Changes/Cancellations

To change your reservation, please contact your hotel directly. **Hotel Information and Options**

Grand Hyatt San Antonio

600 E. Market Street
San Antonio, TX 78205
Phone: 210-224-1234
Fax: 210-271-8019

Our host property is approximately 12 minutes from the San Antonio International Airport. Check-in is 4:00 p.m. Checkout is 11:00 a.m.

Room Rate: \$198 single/double per night

Hyatt Regency San Antonio

123 Losoya Street
San Antonio, TX 78205
Phone: 210-222-1234
Fax: 210-227-4925

Hyatt Regency is approximately 15 minutes from the San Antonio International Airport and a 7-minute walk to the Convention Center. Check-in is 3:00 p.m. Checkout is 12:00 p.m.

Room Rate: \$187 single/double per night

Hilton Palacio del Rio

200 S. Alamo Street
San Antonio, TX 78205
Phone: 210-222-1400
Fax: 210-270-0761

Hilton is approximately 14 minutes from the San Antonio International Airport and steps from the Convention Center. Check-in is 3:00 p.m. Checkout is 12:00 p.m.

Room Rate: \$180 single/double per night

These rates are for SAWC Spring/WHS attendees only and are subject to change. Please note that rates do not include applicable sales taxes.



ATTENDEE INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT)

Are you a member of the AAWC or WHS?

☐ **AAWC member** Member ID _____

*TO OBTAIN YOUR MEMBER ID OR TO JOIN THE AAWC, VISIT WWW.AAWCONLINE.ORG.

☐ **WHS member** Member ID _____

*TO OBTAIN YOUR MEMBER ID OR TO JOIN THE WHS, VISIT WWW.WOUNDHEAL.ORG.

NPI Number [required for MD/DO, DPM, NP, PA] _____ State in which you are licensed _____

First name _____ Last name _____

Suffix/credentials [Jr., III, RN, MD, DPM, etc] _____

Name as it will appear on your badge including credentials (max 30 characters)
Please note that commas and spaces are considered characters.

Title _____

Company/organization name _____

Company Address 1 _____

Company Address 2 _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

Email address [confirmations will be sent via e-mail] _____

Professional category [Please choose the category closest to your profession]

- ☐ MD/DO ☐ DPM ☐ MSN/BSN/RN [CWOCN, CWS, WCC, etc]
☐ MSN/BSN/RN [no certificate] ☐ NP ☐ PT ☐ Dietitian/nutrition
☐ Pharm ☐ PhD ☐ Industry ☐ Researcher
☐ Health facility management [non-clinical] ☐ LPN/NA ☐ PA

In which care setting is your time PRIMARILY spent?

- ☐ Home care ☐ Long-term care ☐ Hospital ☐ Private practice
☐ Wound care center/clinic ☐ University ☐ Vascular lab
☐ Hospice ☐ Research and industry ☐ Other _____

How did you find out about this year's meeting?

- ☐ Journal advertisement ☐ Direct mail ☐ Internet ☐ Email
☐ AAWC ☐ Advancing the Practice ☐ Colleague/employer
☐ Google/other search engine ☐ Prior attendee
☐ Website ☐ WHS ☐ Other _____

Is this your first sawc? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Will you be attending the AAWC 20th anniversary celebration on 5/1/15? ☐ Yes ☐ No

How many sawcs (including this one) have you attended? _____

Are you a poster presenter? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Will you be attending the poster reception on 5/1/15? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you active military? ☐ Yes ☐ No [Visit sawcspring.com for active-duty military pricing.]

Pre-Registration Seating in certain sessions may be limited so be sure to register early. Registrations will be accepted by fax, mail, and the Internet. Registrations cannot be done through the phone. Fax and Internet registrations are for credit card payments only. Register online at www.sawcspring.com or complete the enclosed registration form and return it with your credit card payment or check made payable to HMP Communications.

All registration forms received without a method of payment will not be considered pre-registered and you will be required to register on site.

- Register online: www.sawcspring.com (credit card payments only)

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Conference Selections *Choose member pricing if you are a member of AAWC OR WHS.

EARLY BIRD 1 by 12/31/14 **EARLY BIRD 2** by 2/27/15 **ON-SITE** 4/29/15

Choice of Main Conference [check one]:

[Select your main conference session choices on this page]

☐ **Main Conference** [PhD, MD, DPM, industry] \$ _____

Non-member pricing \$510 \$540 \$570

Membership pricing \$408 \$432 \$456

☐ **Main Conference** [RN, PT, PAs, office assistants] \$ _____

Non-member pricing \$350 \$400 \$470

Membership pricing \$280 \$320 \$376

☐ **Post-Conference** \$ _____

Non-member pricing \$120 \$120 \$140

Membership pricing \$96 \$96 \$112

☐ **MVP** [PhD, MD, DPM, industry] \$ _____

Non-member pricing \$760 \$790 \$N/A

Membership pricing \$608 \$632 \$N/A

☐ **MVP** [RN, PT, PAs, office assistants] \$ _____

Non-member pricing \$650 \$700 \$N/A

Membership pricing \$520 \$560 \$N/A

ADDITIONAL ENTRY OPTIONS [No discounts may be applied.]

☐ **Guest Badge** \$125

EXHIBIT HALL ONLY [Must be a guest of a registered attendee.]

☐ **One-Day Conference Pass** \$ _____

Choice of day [check one]:

☐ Wed, April 29 ☐ Thurs, April 30 ☐ Fri, May 1 ☐ Sat, May 2 ☐ Sun, May 3

\$200 \$225 \$250

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☐ I would like to pick up my hardback copy at the sawc Spring [\$99*] \$ _____

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SAWC On-Demand access

☐ I would like to order SAWC On-Demand [\$185 on-site price only] \$ _____

[This will include all main conference sessions for which SAWC Spring has received permission to record. Price includes tax.]

☐ **Student Rate** \$99

[Confirmation from a faculty mentor must be submitted along with this form. Student rate is for main conference only and cannot be combined with any other discounts.]

TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED \$ _____

- Register by mail: All checks must be drawn on a U.S. bank in U.S. funds and sent with your registration form to HMP Communications, Attention: SAWC Spring/WHS Registration Department, 83 General Warren Blvd., Suite 100, Malvern, PA 19355
- Register by fax: 610-560-0502

Posters Accepted posters will be presented at the SAWC Spring/WHS. Healthcare professionals from around the world will gather to learn from colleagues about cutting-edge technology and techniques to aid them in day-to-day patient management. Visit www.sawcspring.com for submission guidelines.

Other Educational Activities Available at the SAWC Spring/WHS Keep an eye on your e-mail for

CANCELLATION POLICY

Please note the cut-off date for cancellation is March 20, 2015. All cancellations must be received in writing and postmarked by that date. Full registration [less a \$100 processing fee] will be refunded only to cancellations received in writing that are postmarked by the above date. No refunds will be issued after March 20, 2015 – without exception. Registrations are transferable at any time.

METHOD OF PAYMENT [CHOOSE FROM THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS]

☐ **Make check payable to HMP Communications.**

All checks must be drawn on a U.S. bank in U.S. funds. Mail to HMP Communications, Attention: SAWC Spring/WHS Registration Department, 83 General Warren Blvd., Suite 100, Malvern, PA 19355

Credit Card [check one]

☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa ☐ Discover ☐ American Express

Name on card _____

Credit card No. _____

Exp. date _____ Security code _____ Billing post code _____

Signature of cardholder (required)

SESSION REGISTRATION

Please circle the main conference sessions, listed below, you wish to attend.

DAY 1 – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2015						
Are you attending this day?	Yes			No		
DAY 2 – THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2015						
11:15 A.M.-12:15 P.M.	1	2	3	4	5	WHS F
2:00 P.M.-3:00 P.M.	6	7	8	9	10	WHS G
3:15 P.M.-4:15 P.M.	11	12	13	14	15	WHS H
4:30 P.M.-5:30 P.M.	16	17	18	19	20	
DAY 3 – FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2015						
9:00 A.M.-10:15 A.M.	WHS I	21	22	23	24	25
10:30 A.M.-11:30 A.M.	26	27	28	WHS J		
2:15 P.M.-3:15 P.M.	29	30	31	32	33	WHS K
4:45 P.M.-5:45 P.M.	34	35	36	37	38	WHS L
6:00/6:45 P.M.-7:15 P.M.	AAWC'S MEMBERSHIP MEETING					WHS M
DAY 4 – SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2015						
10:30 A.M.-11:30 A.M.	39	40	41	42	43	WHS N
3:30 P.M.-4:30 P.M.	44	45				
4:45 P.M.-5:45 P.M.	46	47	48	49	50	
6:00 P.M.-7:30 P.M.	51	52				
DAY 5 – SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2015						
9:15 A.M.-10:15 A.M.	53	54	55	56	57	
10:30 A.M.-11:30 A.M.	58	59	60	61	62	
POST-CONFERENCE (ADDITIONAL FEES APPLY)						
1:30 P.M.-4:30 P.M.	63	64	65			

notifications regarding industry-supported symposia being offered at the SAWC Spring/WHS. These sessions will be offered during breakfast, lunch, and dinner hours. Please note they fill up quickly.

Children Under no circumstances will children younger than 18 be allowed in the exhibit hall during installation or dismantle. For reasons of insurance, children younger than 18 are not permitted on the show floor. Because of limited seating capacity and the highly technical nature of the programs, children younger than 18 are not invited to attend presentations.