

Using the Web for Ongoing Self-education

As every year passes, the quantity and quality of wound-care-related information on the World Wide Web increases and, as a result, wound-care practitioners now have access to an unprecedented amount of material on all aspects of wound healing. Clinicians and researchers can connect with Web sites from all over the world that feature articles, discussion forums, patient-centred information and journals, as well as news on courses, conferences and workshops.

For a focused query, using a search engine is a good option. For general surfing, a good place to start is with the Web sites of national associations. In addition to information of interest to wound-care practitioners, most of them also contain links to other Web sites, making the possibilities for discovery almost endless.

Listed below are just a few of the relevant national association sites, along with a few useful portal and specialty sites under the "Miscellaneous" and "Educational Institutions" headings. ☺

Societies and Associations

Canada

Canadian Association of Wound Care: www.cawc.net

Canadian Association of Enterostomal Therapy:
www.caet.ca

U.S.

American Professional Wound Care Association:
www.apwca.org

Association for the Advancement of Wound Care:
www.aawc1.com

Visiting Nurse Associations of America:
www.vnaa.org/vnaa/gen/html~home.aspx

Wound Healing Society: www.woundheal.org

Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society:
www.wocn.org

Australia

Australian Wound Management Association:
www.awma.com.au

Wound Care Association of New South Wales:
www.clininfo.health.nsw.gov.au/wcansw

Europe

European Tissue Repair Society: www.etr.org

European Wound Management Association:
www.ewma.org

Icelandic Wound Healing Society:
www.sums-is.org/english.aspx

Société Française et Francophone des Plaies
et Cicatrisations (French only): www.sffpc.org

Tissue Viability Nurses Association: www.tvna.org

Tissue Viability Society: www.tvs.org.uk

Wound Care Society: www.woundcaresociety.org

Wound Management Association of Ireland:
www.wmaoi.org

International

World Union of Wound Healing Societies:
www.wuwhs.org

Wound Healing Association of South Africa:
www.whasa.org

Miscellaneous

European Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel:
www.epuap.org

National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel:
www.npuap.org

Symposium on Advanced Wound Care:
www.woundcaresymposium.com/sawc

World Wide Wounds: www.worldwidewounds.com

Wound Care Communications Network:
www.woundcarenet.com

Wound Update: www.woundupdate.com

Educational Institutions

Cardiff University: Wound Healing Research Unit:
www.whru.co.uk

Monash University: www.vcp.monash.edu.au/courses/woundcare/gradcert.html

University of Toronto:
www.cme.utoronto.ca/PDF/MED0504-C.pdf
(Requires Adobe Acrobat to view.)