

FAREWELLS AND NEW BEGINNINGS FOR *WOUND ESSENTIALS*

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viability, and I am deeply honoured and delighted to be asked to take over her role as clinical editor of this journal. Her passion for tissue viability and commitment has been inspirational, especially her desire to empower others through training and education.

My hope is that this journal will continue to meet the needs of the everyday clinician who is seeking to prevent or manage wounds in whatever area of health care they work in. Wounds are no longer the sole remit of nurses — we all have a responsibility in promoting skin integrity in our patients, whatever our profession. And as our population ages, and the boundaries of surgery and medicine expand, we will all face increasing challenges in this area.

Over the coming year, the financial squeeze on the NHS is set to continue and tighten even further. There will be increased pressure to deliver wound care in ever more cost-effective ways. This will require clinicians to be knowledgeable and skilled in wound assessment and selection of appropriate dressings and equipment. *Wound Essentials* is one source of education that can support your continuing professional development and help to ensure you are equipped to meet the challenges of delivering safe, quality, and effective wound care.



Back in 2006, the first edition of *Wound Essentials* was launched. At the helm from its inception was Pauline Beldon, Tissue Viability Nurse Consultant. Her vision was to produce a wound care journal that would be accessible to clinicians of all disciplines who encounter wounds in their practice, but for whom tissue viability is not their primary remit.

There are many wound care journals in circulation, but most are aimed at specialist practitioners and can be challenging for non-specialists to understand and apply to practice. *Wound Essentials* prides itself on being written in jargon-free language, and in an easy-to-read style and always with a mind to being applicable to everyday practice.

This summer, Pauline retired after many years of working in the NHS and, in particular, in the field of tissue

With this in mind, we would love to hear from you with your thoughts and feedback on the journal and, in particular, with any topics you would like to see covered in future editions. This is your journal so please get in touch with your ideas. I hope you enjoy this issue, and find plenty to inform and shape your practice. **WE**

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