

Society update



The Tissue Viability Nurses Association

The Tissue Viability Nurses Association (TVNA) continues to provide the political voice of tissue viability nurses (TVNs) in the UK. The submission made by Advanced Medical Solutions to the Health Committee raised many issues for TVNs, including the importance of maintaining a collaborative position within an NHS trust and utilising specialist knowledge, not only clinically for the benefit of patients, but also realising corporate responsibilities and the need to be both clinically and cost-effective. Another issue was the possibility that TVNs could be adversely influenced by industry: this has been strongly refuted. The TVNA is working collaboratively with other associations and respected individuals within the speciality to examine how best to provide the Department of Health with evidence of the collaborative, clinical and cost-effective working of TVNs. The TVNA is your association, please utilise it! The website has both clinical and procedural information (www.tvna.org). If you discover an issue and need the collective voice of the TVNA to respond, please contact any of the committee members via the website. The members' forum is unique in allowing TVNs to communicate with each other. Membership remains £15 per annum for a TVN and £10 per annum for an associate member, e.g. TV link nurse.



President: Prof.C. Moffatt

The Leg Ulcer Forum

The Leg Ulcer Forum (LUF) exists to advance education, and offer support to healthcare practitioners involved in the management of patients with leg ulcers and related conditions. The Executive comprises specialist practitioners and educationalists who share a common bond in wishing to advance the care of patients through the dissemination of new research and evidence-based practice. Our Life President is Professor Christine Moffatt, CBE and Fellow of the Royal College of Nursing. The Forum is active on behalf of its members and is currently involved in Department of Health Deficit Committee responses, the debate on development of skills and competencies in an increasingly diverse workforce, as well as educational projects. Current LUF educational projects include the production of patient leaflets, professional educational guides and investigations into the management of patients with mixed aetiology ulcers. The AGM of the Leg Ulcer Forum is in March 2007, and our next major educational event is in July 2007. We are also one of the co-operating societies for the EWMA conference in May 2007 in Glasgow. Membership costs £15 per annum, which gives you a subscription to the annual LUF journal, a discount at LUF educational events and copies of the NT Wound Care supplements. In addition, you will have access to the resources on the website (www.legulcerforum.org), copies of all the educational material we produce, such as the patient leaflet series, and much more.



The Tissue Viability Society

The Tissue Viability Society was formed in 1981 to: 'disseminate information, promote research and increase awareness of all aspects of good clinical practice in wound prevention and management.' The 25th anniversary year of the Tissue Viability Society (TVS) continues but experienced a disappointment this autumn. The TVS had planned to host a one-day symposium and gala dinner to celebrate our anniversary and, to this end, had recruited several key speakers from the UK and the US to discuss wound inflammation in a focused symposium. However, delegate numbers were low and the event had to be cancelled. We would like to thank all of the speakers who agreed to present, the chair, those delegates who booked for the event and, of course, those exhibitors who showed considerable support for the day. Weathering this disappointment the TVS now looks forward to the next major events with which we are associated — Wounds UK in Harrogate and the EWMA conference in Glasgow in May 2007. We look forward to welcoming new and old members alike to our stand at Harrogate. Come and find out what the TVS will be doing in 2007! Alternatively, visit our website at www.tvs.org.uk.



Wound Care Society

The Wound Care Society (WCS) AGM will be on Monday, 13 November 2006 at Wounds UK in Harrogate. The WCS's remit is, 'to promote and further best practice in the prevention, treatment and management of wounds through the provision of educational resources'. The revised WCS constitution has been put onto the website for members to read. This will be voted on at the AGM. Two new additional commercial members have joined the WCS, Richard Shorey from Smith & Nephew and Catherine Grainger from 3M Health Care. Also, two new trustees have been appointed, Ailsda Sharp and Gill Wicks. The final study day for this year will be in the New Forest on Thursday, 9 November. Additions are to be made to the resource pack, including a section on 'dressings'. Information on study days for 2007 are available from the WCS website, or from Laura Brett on: 01509 613467. The latest educational booklets will cover issues relating to pain and infection control. We are pleased that Jacqui Padmore will be taking on the editorial role for future educational booklets. The WCS maintains its educational partnership with the Leg Club and there will be further opportunities to attend educational initiatives. For information, go online to: www.woundcaresociety.org or www.legclub.org. The public awareness campaign with the TVS and TVNA is continuing (www.your-tum.org.uk), and you may see adverts in women's, carers' and health magazines.