



Wounds UK celebrates another year of great achievements

For the first time ever, *Wounds UK* launched its annual awards ceremony at the *Wounds UK 2012* conference last November in Harrogate. The theme of the conference was “Sharing Best Practice” and the awards ceremony formed an integral part of the event programme, providing an opportunity for clinicians to highlight their work at the UK’s biggest wound care event.

The awards comprised six categories and we received over 300 abstract entries, which had to be whittled down to three per category; an overall winner and two commendees. Hosted by Professor Keith Harding, Jacqui Fletcher, and James Fletcher, ex-Royal Marine and Woundcare4Heroes patron, the ceremony took place in the main auditorium at Harrogate International Centre where the winners were given the opportunity to provide a short presentation of their work.

Every year, we celebrate the innovation and breadth of practice shown in tissue viability today and the awards represent a fantastic opportunity to promote the excellent and interesting practice that is undertaken by those involved in wound healing. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the clinicians who submitted their work, as well as the sponsors of the awards.

We look forward to seeing you again in 2013!



Chronic oedema and compression therapy

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Presented by **Cathy O’Neill**

WINNERS

Heather Jones and Lol Pidcock *Using Debrisoft® to achieve effective skin care and facilitate volume reduction for chronic oedema*

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Alice Van Den Wijngaard *A total treatment approach for a complex lymphoedema patient with skin lesions and extensive hyperkeratosis*

Jane Clapham *Challenges of managing chronic lymphoedema in a patient with dominant dystrophic epidermolysis bullosa pruriginosa*



Cost-effective management in wound healing

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Presented by **Richard Debenham**

WINNER

Valerie Henderson *Use of LEAN methodology for the management of a total dressing scheme in primary care*

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Val Robson *The use of medical-grade honey to reduce the incidence of surgical site wound infection: a randomised controlled feasibility trial*

Jason Bramford and Sue Johnson *Evaluating the evidence for a Trust-wide wound management formulary*



Good practice in pressure ulcer care

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Presented by **Martin Webb**

WINNERS

Vanessa McDonagh, Amy Oldfield, and Debbie Smith

Eliminating hospital-acquired avoidable pressure ulcers at University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust (UHCW)

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Jo Handsaker *Time for a change*

Rebecca Martin *Reducing pressure ulcer prevalence in nursing homes through good communication and audit*



Hard-to-heal wounds

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Presented by **Captain Claire Stephens**

WINNER

Ross Atkinson and Karen Ousey *A systematic review of ways to prevent and treat surgical site infection in patients undergoing surgery for spinal metastases*

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Heather Hodgson *Clinical skills of tissue viability nurses versus WOUNDCHEK™ to detect elevated protease activity... Who has the best outcome?*

Gary Smerdon *Changes in wound microflora associated with hyperbaric oxygen therapy: A molecular approach*



Pain and trauma

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Presented by **Julie Davis**

WINNER

Alison Johnstone and Katrina McGown *Innovations in the reduction of moisture lesions and pain in intensive treatment unit*

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Linda Rafter *Evaluation of PolyMem® finger dressing delivers trauma-free dressing change*

Ian M Rawe *Pulsed radiofrequency electromagnetic field therapy is an effective wound pain therapy*



Patient wellbeing

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Presented by **Gemma Tuplin**

WINNER

Julie Green *Nurse-patient consultations in primary care – do patients disclose their concerns?*

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Patricia Grocott *Woundcare for epidermolysis bullosa (WEB): co-producing novel dressings with patients and industry*

Jeanette Milne, Karen Ousey, and Leanne Cook *Results of a pilot study exploring quality of life experienced by patients undergoing negative pressure wound therapy as part of their wound care treatment*

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