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THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026 (PRE-CONGRESS MEETINGS)

START	END	PRESENTATION		ROOM
12:00	13:00	Lunch		East Meeting Room 1
13:00	17:00	Start	End	East Meeting Room 2
		13:00	14:00	WCET Education Meeting
		14:00	15:00	NNGF Meeting
		15:00	16:00	Editorial Meeting
		16:00	17:00	WCET Congress Meeting
17:00	18:00	WCET International Delegate (ID) Meeting		East Meeting Room 1

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026: PRE-CONGRESS WORKSHOPS (MORNING)

Workshops / Masterclasses (*Subject to capacity/restrictions: Please register in advance)				
9:00	12:00	Writing for Publication* Dr. Jenny Prentice, PhD, RN, Stomal Therapy Nurse, Cert. (Australia); Greg Paull Publisher, Cambridge Media (Australia)		East Ballroom A
		Continence Workshop* Carly Lindsay, MCISc-WH, BScN, RN, NSWOC, WOCC(C) (Canada); Nicholas Joachimides, MCISc, MSc, BScN, RN, CHE, IIWCC, NSWOC, CPedN(C) (Canada)		East Meeting Room 1
		Educational Indigenous Blanket Exercise* Elder Sam George, Knowledge Keeper, Tsleil-Waututh Nation Survivor of Day School		East Meeting Room 11
		Advanced Conservative Sharp Wound Debridement* Rosemary Hill, BSN, RN, CWOCN, NSWOC, WOCC(C), FNSWOC (Canada); Tarik Alam, MCISc(WH), BScN, RN, NSWOC (Canada)		East Meeting Room 12
		Lower Limb Assessment Masterclass* Dr. Christine Murphy, PhD, BSc(Hons) Tissue, RN, NSWOC, WOCC(C), FNSWOC (Canada)		East Meeting Room 15
		Pearls of Leadership – from the Bedside to the Boardroom* Dr. Kathleen Capitolo, PhD, RN, FAAN, FNYAM, IIWCC, C-CNS (USA)		East Meeting Room 16
		Skin Tears Made Easy* Samantha Holloway, M.Sc, FHEA, Cert Ed (FE), RN (United Kingdom); Dr. Ray Samuriwo, PhD (United Kingdom); Dr. Kimberly LeBlanc, PhD, MN, BScN, RN, NSWOC, WOCC(C), FCAN, FAAN, FNSWOC (Canada)		East Meeting Room 2
		Enterocutaneous and Enteroatmospheric Fistula Management* Lina Martins, MScN, BScN, RN, NSWOC, WOCC(C), FNSWOC (Canada); Louise Samuel, BScN, RN, ETN (Canada)		East Meeting Room 3
		“Managing the Bulge”: Parastomal Hernia Prevention, Assessment, and Management* Mary Hill, MN, BScN, RN, NSWOC, WOCC(C) (Canada); Laureen Sommerey, MN, BScN, RN, NSWOC, WOCC(C) (Canada)		East Meeting Room 7
		Advanced Ostomy* Andrea Trainor, MSc(A)N, BScN, RN, NSWOC, WOCC(C), IIWCC (Canada); Mary Engel, RN, NSWOC, WOCC(C) (Canada)		East Meeting Room 8



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FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026: INDUSTRY & SCIENCE SESSIONS (AFTERNOON)

START		END		PRESENTATION		ROOM	
12:00		13:00		Educational Lunch Sponsored by Coloplast		East Exhibit Hall A	
13:00	17:00	Industry & Science Day Sessions					
		Start	End	East Meeting Room 1		East Meeting Room 2, 3	
		13:00	13:50	Industry & Science Session 1 Sponsored by Aroa Biosurgery		Industry & Science Session 2 Sponsored by Coloplast	
		14:00	14:50	Industry & Science Session 3 Sponsored by First Quality Products		Industry & Science Session 4 Sponsored by Essity	
		15:00	15:50	Industry & Science Session 5 Sponsored by Mölnlycke Health Care		Industry & Science Session 6 Sponsored by For Life	
		16:00	16:50	Industry & Science Session 7 Sponsored by Biomiq		Industry & Science Session 8 Sponsored by BD	
16:15		17:30		Parade of Nation Rehearsal (WCET International Delegates ONLY)		East Exhibit Hall A	
17:30		18:30		Parade of Nations		East Exhibit Hall A	
18:30		20:30		Grand Opening of the Exhibit Hall & Poster Library		East Exhibit Hall B	



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SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026

START		END		PRESENTATION			ROOM
Exhibit Hall Open and Poster Library open all day							East Exhibit Hall B
7:30		8:30		Educational Breakfast: Sponsored by Urgo Medical Canada			East Exhibit Hall A
8:30		10:00		Welcome and Opening Ceremonies			East Exhibit Hall A
10:00		10:45		Skin Failure: Implications for ETNs, NSWOCs and WOCNs Norma Gill Foundation Keynote Dr. Diane L. Krasner, PhD, RN, FAAN, FAAWC, MAPWCA (USA)			East Exhibit Hall A
10:45		11:30		WCET International Ostomy Guidelines Dr. Emily Haesler, PhD, BN, P Grad Dip Adv Nurs (gerontics) (Australia); Dr. Jenny Prentice, PhD RN, STN Cert Palliative Care (Australia); Dr. Elizabeth Ayello, PhD, MS, BSN, ETN, RN, CWON, MAPWCA, FAAN (USA); Denise Hibbert, RGN, MSc(WHTR), BSc(hons), DipHE, ONC, STN, FSSCRS (Saudi Arabia); Joseph W Nunoo-Mensah, B Med Sci (Hons), BM BS, FRCS, FASCRS, LLM Laurent Chabal, BSc (CBP), RN, OncPall (Cert), Dip (WH), ET, EAWT (Switzerland)			East Exhibit Hall A
11:30		12:15		Paediatric Ostomy: Canada-UK Best Practice Recommendations Emily Woodgate, BScN, RN, NSWOC, WOCC(C) (Canada); Karen Dick, BSc(Hons), RN child, NIP (United Kingdom)			East Exhibit Hall A
12:30		13:30		Educational Lunch: Sponsored by Perfuse Medtec			East Exhibit Hall A
13:30		14:30		Exhibit Hall & Poster Library			East Exhibit Hall B
14:30	16:00	Start	End	East Exhibit Hall A	East Ballroom A	East Meeting Room 1	East Meeting Room 2, 3
		14:30	15:00	Wound Care and Dementia Dr. Kimberly LeBlanc, PhD, MN, BScN, RN, NSWOC, WOCC(C), FCAN, FAAN, FNSWOC (Canada); Dr. Corey Heerschap, PhD, MScCH, RN, NSWOC, WOCC(C), FNSWOC (Canada) Samantha Wiesenfeld, MN, BScN, RN (Canada)	The Montreal Model: Improving the Lives of Ostomy Patients TBA; Moderated by: Laurent Chabal, BSc (CBP), RN, OncPall (Cert), Dip (WH), ET, EAWT (Switzerland)	Go With The Flow: A deep dive into colon cleansing Emily Woodgate, BScN, RN, NSWOC, WOCC(C) (Canada)	Development of Community-Based Wound by Virtual Care by Nursing Specialist Alliance and service model in China: exploring progress, challenges, and innovative practices in extending wound care services beyond hospital settings Dr. Liping Jiang, PhD, RN, FAAN (USA)
		15:00	15:12	Free Paper 1	Free Paper 1	Free Paper 1	Free Paper 1
		15:12	15:24	Free Paper 2	Free Paper 2	Free Paper 2	Free Paper 2
		15:24	15:36	Free Paper 3	Free Paper 3	Free Paper 3	Free Paper 3
		15:36	15:48	Free Paper 4	Free Paper 4	Free Paper 4	Free Paper 4
		15:48	16:00	Q&A	Q&A	Q&A	Q&A

14:30	17:30	Dermatology Program Day 1 (Separate Registration Required) Dr. R. Gary Sibbald, BSc. Md. M.Ed., D.SC (Hon), FRCPC (Med)(Derm), FAAD, MAPWCA, JM (Canada); Dr. Laurie M Parsons, MD, BMedSc, BSc, FRCPC(C) (Canada); Dr. Afsaneh Alavi, MD, MSc, FRCPC (United States)	East Meeting Room 11, 12
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16:15	17:45	NSWOCC Annual Members Meeting For NSWOCC Members ONLY	East Meeting Room 8, 15
18:30	22:00	Congress Gala, Awards, and WOC Institute Graduation Parade	East Exhibit Hall A

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SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026

START		END		PRESENTATION			ROOM
8:00		12:00		Dermatology Program Day 2 (Separate Registration Required) Dr. R. Gary Sibbald, BSc. Md. M.Ed., D.SC (Hon), FRCPC (Med)(Derm), FAAD, MAPWCA, JM (Canada); Dr. Laurie M Parsons, MD, BMedSc, BSc, FRCPC(C) (Canada); Dr. Afsaneh Alavi, MD, MSc, FRCPC (United States)			East Meeting Room 11, 12
7:30		8:30		Educational Breakfast: Sponsored by Smith+Nephew			East Exhibit Hall A
8:30	10:45	8:30	9:15	Pressure Injury: International Guidelines Dr. Janet Cuddigan, PhD, RN, FAAN(USA); Dr. Emily Haesler, PhD, BN, P Grad Dip Adv Nurs (gerontics)(Australia); Dr. Keryln Carville, PhD, STN(Cred), RN (Australia)			East Exhibit Hall A
		9:15	10:00	Predicting High-Risk Factors for Pressure Injuries in Preoperative Patients Using Machine Learning Dr. Liping Jiang, PhD, RN, FAAN (USA)			East Exhibit Hall A
		10:00	10:45	Mobile apps for incontinence including an app prototype to support self-management of fecal incontinence Dr. Donna Bliss, PhD, RN, FGSA, WOCNF, FAAN (United States)			East Exhibit Hall A
10:45		11:45		Exhibit Hall & Poster Library			East Exhibit Hall B
12:00		13:00		Sponsored Educational Lunch: Sponsored by Convatec			East Exhibit Hall A
13:00	14:30	Start	End	East Exhibit Hall A	East Ballroom A	East Meeting Room 1	East Meeting Room 2, 3
		13:00	13:30	Bridging Science and Practice: New Perspectives on Wound Research and Policymaking Professor Dimitri Beeckman, PhD, MSc, BSc, RN (Belgium and Sweden)	Concurrent Session Ostomy & Sexuality Leslie Heath, MCISc-WH RN, NSWOC, WOCC(C) (Canada)	Empowering Individuals Living with Lower Anterior Resection Syndrome (LARS) Denise Hibbert, RGN, MSc(WHTR), BSc(hons), DipHE, ONC, STN, FSSCRS (Saudi Arabia)	Urinary Diversions: Improving Patient Experience and Outcomes Through The Bladder Cancer Supportive Care Program Dr. Marie-Pier St-Laurent, MD, FRCSC (Canada); Christine Kwong, BSN, RN, NSWOC/WOCN (Canada); Misty Stephens, MCISc(WH), BScN, RN, NSWOC, WOCC(C) (Canada)
		13:30	14:00	Wound Cleansing: International Guidelines Dr. Kimberly LeBlanc, PhD, MN, BScN, RN, NSWOC, WOCC(C), FCAN, FAAN, FNSWOC (Canada); Terry Swanson, NP, RN, NPWM, MHSc FAWMA, FMAACNP. (Australia); Karen Laforet, RN, MCISc-WH, CCHN(C), CVAA(c), VA-BC™ (Canada)	Free Paper 1	Free Paper 1	Free Paper 1
					Free Paper 2	Free Paper 2	Free Paper 2
		14:00	14:30	Wound Assessment: When to refer for surgical debridement Prof. Dr. Harikrishna K.R. Nair, MD, FRCPI FCWCS OSH (NIOSH), OHD (DOH), CMIA (MAL) CHM (USA) ESWT (Austria, Germany) FMSWCP, PG in Wound Healing and Tissue Repair (Cardiff, UK) ICW (Malaysia)	Free Paper 3	Free Paper 3	Free Paper 3
					Free Paper 4	Free Paper 4	Free Paper 4
					Q&A	Q&A	Q&A



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14:30		15:30		Exhibit Hall & Poster Library			East Exhibit Hall B
15:40	17:10	Start	End	East Exhibit Hall A	East Ballroom A	East Meeting Room 1	East Meeting Room 2, 3
		15:40	16:10	High Output Ileostomy Denise Hibbert, RGN, MSc(WHTR), BSc(hons), DipHE, ONC, STN, FSSCRS (Saudi Arabia)	Wound Dead Space Dr Kevin Woo, PhD, RN, FAPWCA, NSWOC, WOCC(C), FNSWOC (Canada); Mary Hill, MN, BScN, RN, NSWOC, WOCC(C), FNSWOC (Canada)	Persons with dark skin tones: implications in wound & ostomy care Elizabeth A. Ayello, PhD, RN, ACNS-BC, CWON, MAPWCA, FAAN (USA); Emmy Nokaneng, MChD (MFOS), MSc, PG Dip Odont (South Africa)	Implementation of a Regional Wound Care Strategy in Vancouver Coastal Health: A Quality Improvement Initiative Christina Hagner, MN, RN, NSWOC, WOCC(C)
		16:10	16:40	Empowering ostomy patients through education to impact quality of life in Malaysia Mariam Mohammed-Nassir(Malaysia)	AI and Technology in Wound Management Dr Kevin Woo, PhD, RN, FAPWCA, NSWOC, WOCC(C), FNSWOC (Canada)	Free Paper 1	Free Paper 1
						Free Paper 2	Free Paper 2
		16:40	17:10	Achieving WOC/ET Education in Turkey (Türkiye) Prof. Dr. Ayiße Karadağ (Türkiye)	Free Paper 3	Free Paper 3	Free Paper 3
					Free Paper 4	Free Paper 4	Free Paper 4
					Q&A	Q&A	Q&A
17:15	18:00	Panel: The Importance of International Collaboration in Wound, Ostomy and Continence Professor Dimitri Beeckman, PhD, MSc, BSc, RN (Belgium and Sweden); Samantha Holloway, M.Sc, FHEA, Cert Ed (FE), RN (United Kingdom) Prof. Dr. Harikrishna K.R. Nair, MD, FRCPI FCWCS OSH (NIOSH), OHD (DOH), CMIA (MAL) CHM (USA) ESWT (Austria, Germany) FMSWCP, PG in Wound Healing and Tissue Repair (Cardiff, UK) ICW (Malaysia); Laurent Chabal, BSc (CBP), RN, OncPall (Cert), Dip (WH), ET, EAWT (Switzerland); Dr. Corey Heerschap, PhD, MScCH, RN, NSWOC, WOCC(C), FNSWOC (Canada); Dr. Vera Lúcia Conceição de Gouveia Santos, PhD, ETN (Brazil); Terry Swanson, NP, RN, NPWM, MHSc FAWMA, FMACNP (Australia); Moderated by Dr. Kimberly LeBlanc, PhD, MN, BScN, RN, NSWOC, WOCC(C), FCAN, FAAN, FNSWOC (Canada)					East Exhibit Hall A
19:30	21:30	Networking Event (on-site)					East Exhibit Hall A



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MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2026

START		END		PRESENTATION			ROOM
7:30		8:30		Educational Breakfast: Sponsored by Hollister			East Exhibit Hall A
8:30	10:45	8:30	9:15	Complex Wound Management Emmy Nokaneng, MChD (MFOS), MSc, PG Dip Odont (South Africa)			East Exhibit Hall A
		9:15	10:00	Vaginal pessary as an alternative to surgical treatment for pelvic organ prolapses Professor Gisela Assis, PhD (Nursing), MSc (Health Tech.), RN, ETN (Brazil)			East Exhibit Hall A
		10:00	10:45	Indigenous Cultural Safety and Health Equity in Indigenous Communities Michelle Buffalo, BScN, RN, NSWOC, WOCC(C) (Canada); Bev Smith, BScN, RN, NSWOC (Canada); Jeremy Caul, MCISc-WH, BScN, RN, CDE, NSWOC, WOCC(C) (Canada)			East Exhibit Hall A
10:45		11:45		Exhibit Hall & Poster Library			East Exhibit Hall B
12:00		13:00		Educational Lunch: Sponsored by Solventum			East Exhibit Hall A
13:00	14:30	Start	End	East Exhibit Hall A	East Ballroom A	East Meeting Room 1	East Meeting Room 2, 3
		13:00	13:30	Infectious Diseases in Wound Care Dr. Ranjani Somayaji, BScT, MD, MPH, FRCPC (Canada)	New guidelines for safe physical activity after stoma surgery, incorporating parastomal hernia – EXPASS from ASCN UK Sarah Russell, MSc, BSc, Clinical Exercise Specialist (United Kingdom)	New Aspects of Bariatric Patient Care Dr. Marcel Kaganovskaya, DNP, PMHNP-BC, FNP-BC, NP-C, CCRN, VA-BC, FNYAM (USA)	Surgical Site Infection Terry Swanson, NP, RN, NPWM, MHSc FAWMA, FMACNP (Australia)
		13:30	14:00	Education in Wound Care Gulnaz Tariq, BScN, RN, IIWCC, Post Grad Dip (United Arab Emirates)	Free Paper 1	Free Paper 1	Free Paper 1
					Free Paper 2	Free Paper 2	Free Paper 2
					Free Paper 3	Free Paper 3	Free Paper 3
		14:05	14:17	Free Paper 1	Free Paper 4	Free Paper 4	Free Paper 4
		14:18	14:30	Q&A	Q&A	Q&A	Q&A
		14:30		15:30		Exhibit Hall & Poster Library	
15:30		16:15		Keynote Plenary: Our experience living with an ostomy Paula Erwin-Toth (USA); Lisa Gausman (Canada)			East Exhibit Hall A
16:30		18:00		WCET Annual Members Meeting For WCET Members ONLY			East Meeting Room 11, 12



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TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026

START	END	PRESENTATION	ROOM
8:00	9:00	Sponsored Educational Breakfast	East Exhibit Hall A

9:00	12:00	Workshops / Masterclasses (*Subject to capacity/restrictions: Please register in advance)	
		East Meeting Room 12	East Meeting Room 13
		Types of Compression Workshop Bev Smith, BScN, RN, NSWOC (Canada); Josée Sénéchal, MScCH-WC, BScN, RN, NSWOC, (Canada)	Advanced Conservative Sharp Wound Debridement Workshop* Rosemary Hill, BSN, RN, CWOCN, NSWOC, WOCC(C), NSWOC, FNSWOC (Canada); Tarik Alam, MCISc(WH), BScN, RN, NSWOC (Canada)

9:00	9:50	Colorectal Cancer: Rising Rates in Younger People - Why? Dr A. Karimuddin, MD, MAEd, FRCSC (Canada) Colorectal Surgery		East Exhibit Hall A
9:50	10:05	Break		
10:05	11:20	Start	End	
		East Meeting Room 1		East Meeting Room 2, 3
		10:05	10:35	Wound Bed Preparation: Identifying the correct wound cause Dr. R. Gary Sibbald, BSc. Md. M.Ed., D.SC (Hon), FRCPC (Med)(Derm), FAAD, MAPWCA, JM (Canada); Dr. Elizabeth Ayello, PhD, MS, BSN, ETN, RN, CWON, MAPWCA, FAAN (USA)
		10:40	10:52	Free Paper
		10:52	11:04	Free Paper
11:30	12:30	11:04	11:16	Q&A
		The Great Pressure Injury Debate: Who should stage and should we even stage? Dr. Kimberly LeBlanc, PhD, MN, BScN, RN, NSWOC, WOCC(C), FCAN, FNSWOC (Canada); Dr. Corey Heerschap, PhD, MScCH, RN, NSWOC, WOCC(C), FNSWOC (Canada); Professor Dimitri Beeckman, PhD, MSc, BSc, RN (Belgium and Sweden) Sharon Baranoski, MSN, RN, CCNS-APN, CWCN, MAPWCA, FAAN (USA) Moderated by: Dr. Kathleen Capitolo, PhD, RN, FAAN, FNYAM, IIWCC, C-CNS (USA)		East Exhibit Hall A
12:30	13:15	Closing Ceremony & Remarks Presentation of Awards and Poster Awards WCET® Announcement: New Board Members & Next Location/Flag		East Exhibit Hall A