



**THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026 (Pre-Congress Meetings)**

START	END	PRESENTATION	ROOM
9:00	12:00	NSWOCC Board of Directors Meeting	East Meeting Room 2
12:00	13:00	Lunch	
13:00	17:00	Start	End
		13:00	14:00
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16:00	17:00		
17:00	18:00	WCET International Delegate (ID) Meeting	East Meeting Room 1

**FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026: Congress Workshops (morning)**

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Workshops / Masterclasses (*Subject to capacity/restrictions: Please register in advance)			
8:30	11:30	<b>Lower Limb Assessment Masterclass*</b> Dr. Christine Murphy, PhD, BSc(Hons) Tissue, RN, NSWOC, WOCC(C), FNSWOC (Canada)	East Ballroom A
		<b>Skin Tears Made Easy*</b> 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 1
		<b>"Managing the Bulge": Parastomal Hernia Prevention, Assessment, and Management*</b> Mary Hill, MN, BScN, RN, NSWOC, WOCC(C) (Canada); Laureen Sommerey, MN, BScN, RN, NSWOC, WOCC(C) (Canada)	East Meeting Room 2
		<b>Educational Indigenous Blanket Exercise*<sup>CH</sup></b> Elder Sam George, Knowledge Keeper, Tsleil-Waututh Nation   Survivor of Day School	East Meeting Room 3
		<b>Writing for Publication*<sup>CH</sup></b> Dr. Jenny Prentice, PhD, RN, Stomal Therapy Nurse, Cert. (Australia); Greg Paull Publisher, Cambridge Media (Australia)	East Meeting Room 7
		<b>Optimizing the Management of Complex Ostomies Workshop*<sup>CH</sup></b> Andrea Trainor, MSc(A)N, BScN, RN, NSWOC, WOCC(C), IIWCC (Canada); Mary Engel, RN, NSWOC, WOCC(C) (Canada)	East Meeting Room 8
		<b>Enterocutaneous and Enteroatmospheric Fistula Management*</b> Lina Martins, MScN, BScN, RN, NSWOC, WOCC(C), FNSWOC (Canada); Louise Samuel, BScN, RN, ETN (Canada)	East Meeting Room 11
		<b>Advanced Conservative Sharp Wound Debridement*<sup>CH</sup></b> Rosemary Hill, BSN, RN, CWOCN, NSWOC, WOCC(C), FNSWOC (Canada); Tarik Alam, MCISc(WH), BScN, RN, NSWOC (Canada)	East Meeting Room 12
		<b>Continence Workshop*<sup>CH</sup></b> 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 15
<b>Pearls of Leadership - from the Bedside to the Boardroom*<sup>CH</sup></b> Dr. Kathleen Capitolo, PhD, RN, FAAN, FNYAM, IIWCC, C-CNS (USA)	East Meeting Room 16		



**FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026: Industry & Science Sessions (afternoon)**

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START	END	PRESENTATION	ROOM
12:00	13:00	Educational Lunch: <b>Your expert role in advancing preventive stoma care: Evidence-based risk assessment and preventive thinking enables you to get it right the first time</b> Dr. David Voegeli, PhD, BSc, RN, Professor of Nursing, University of Winchester, UK; Dr. Terri Porrett, PhD, MSc, RN, Strategic Project Manager, Coloplast Ltd, UK <b>Sponsored by Coloplast</b>	East Exhibit Hall A
Industry & Science Day Sessions			
13:10	17:00	Start	End
		13:10	14:00
		14:05	14:55
		15:00	15:50
		16:00	16:50
		16:15	17:30
		17:30	18:30
18:30	20:30		

START	END	PRESENTATION	ROOM
13:10	14:00	<b>Industry &amp; Science Session 1: "Reaching the Summit: How NSWOCs Move Mountains Using Evidence-Based, Cost-Conscious ECM Technology"</b> Dr. Kevin Woo, PhD, RN, FAPWCA, NSWOC, WOCC(C), FNSWOC (Canada); Rose Raizman, MSc, MScN, PHCNP, RN-EC, NSWOC, WOCC(C) (Canada); Dr. Brandon Bosque, DPM, CWSP (USA) <b>Sponsored by Aroa Biosurgery</b>	East Meeting Room 1
13:10	14:00	<b>Industry &amp; Science Session 2: "Healing Reimagined: The Science of Fish-Skin Regeneration and Adaptive Silicone Technology in Modern Wound Care"</b> Dr. Kirsten L. Smith, MD Board Certified General Surgeon/Wound Care Specialist Director of Medical Affairs for Kerecis <b>Sponsored by Kerecis-Coloplast Wound &amp; Tissue Repair</b>	East Meeting Room 2, 3
14:05	14:55	<b>Industry &amp; Science Session 3: "Continence, Skin Health, and Dignity: A Person-Centered Approach to Care"</b> Tiffany Senko, RN, BScN; Melanie Tulini, RPN, SWAN <b>Sponsored by First Quality Products</b>	East Meeting Room 2, 3
15:00	15:50	<b>Industry &amp; Science Session 4: "Antimicrobial Stewardship is Gold - the rest is just Silver: elevating stewardship through proven, Gold-Level antimicrobial pathways"</b> Dr. Kevin Woo, PhD, RN, NSWOC, WOCC(C), FAPWCA, FNSWOC (Canada) Joshua Moralejo RN, BScN, MScCH: WPC, NSWOC, WOCC(C), IIWCC (Canada) <b>Sponsored by Essity</b>	East Meeting Room 2, 3
15:00	15:50	<b>Industry &amp; Science Session 5: "Concept to Care: Patient Experience as the Focus from Ideas to Outcomes"</b> Dot Weir, RN, CWON, CWS; Dr. Erik Nygren, PhD <b>Sponsored by Mölnlycke Health Care</b>	East Meeting Room 2, 3
16:00	16:50	<b>Industry &amp; Science Session 6: "The Silicone Shift: A New Era for Ostomy Care"</b> Cyndi Gilliam, BSN, RN <b>Sponsored by For Life</b>	East Meeting Room 2, 3
16:00	16:50	<b>Industry &amp; Science Session 7: "From Frontline to Bedside: Winning the War Within The Wound"</b> Lt. Col. Dr. Roman Kuziv (Ukraine) Hailie Uren, Clinical Pharmacist (Australia) Rhonda Darbyshire, RN, BN, NSWOC, WOCC(C), IIWCC (Canada) Dr. Eric Rasmussen, MD, MDM, FACP (USA) Dr. Lori Robins, PhD (USA) <b>Sponsored by Biomiq</b>	East Meeting Room 2, 3
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



**SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026**

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Exhibit Hall Open and Poster Library open from 7:30 to 15:30			East Exhibit Hall B
7:45	8:45	<b>Educational Breakfast: "Integral Debridement: Combining Oxidative and Continuous Debridement for Optimal Wound Healing"</b> Dr. Sebastian Probst, DClin Prac, MNS, RN, Professor of Tissue Viability & Wound Care (Switzerland); Dr. Christine Murphy, PhD, BSc(Hons) Tissue, RN, NSWOC, WOCC(C), FNSWOC (Canada) <b>Sponsored by Urgo Medical Canada</b>	East Exhibit Hall A
8:45	9:45	<b>Welcome and Opening Ceremonies</b>	East Exhibit Hall A
9:45	10:30	<b>Skin Failure: Implications for ETNs, NSWOCs and WOC Nurses<sup>CH</sup></b> <b>Norma Gill Foundation Keynote</b> Dr. Diane L. Krasner, PhD, RN, FAAN, FAWC, MAPWCA (USA)	East Exhibit Hall A
10:30	11:15	<b>WCET International Ostomy Guidelines<sup>CH</sup></b> 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, hon-FASCRS (Saudi Arabia); Dr. Joseph W Nunoo-Mensah, B Med Sci (Hons), BM BS, FRCS, FASCRS, LLM (United Kingdom) Laurent Chabal, BSc (CBP), RN, OncPall (Cert), Dip (WH), ET, EAWT (Switzerland)	East Exhibit Hall A
11:15	12:00	<b>Paediatric Ostomy: Canada-UK Best Practice Recommendations<sup>CH</sup></b> Emily Woodgate, BScN, RN-AP, NSWOC WOCC(C) (Canada); Karen Dick, BSc(Hons), RNC, CNS (PSNG) (United Kingdom)	East Exhibit Hall A
12:00	12:30	<b>Health Break</b>	
12:30	13:30	<b>Educational Lunch: "Improving clinical outcomes in leg ulcers with the Muscle Pump Activator (geko®)"</b> Dr. R. Gary Sibbald, BSc. Md. M.Ed., D.SC (Hon), FRCPC (Med)(Derm), FAAD, MAPWCA, JM (Canada); Dr. Michael Stacey, MBBS, Doctor of Surgery, FRACS (Canada); Amanda Elghaname, MN, NP, RN, NSWOC (Canada); Michele Labbie, MN, NP, RN (Canada) <b>Sponsored by Perfuse Medtec</b>	East Exhibit Hall A
13:30	14:30	Exhibit Hall & Poster Library	East Exhibit Hall B

**Dermatology Program for Advanced Healthcare Professionals begins**

For more information, or to register, please visit [www.wcet-nswoc2026.com/dermatology](http://www.wcet-nswoc2026.com/dermatology)

This special program, which has a separate registration, is running parallel to the WCET-NSWOC Joint Congress, and will highlight common diagnosis and treatments in the field of dermatology.  
Day 1: Saturday, April 25, 2026 from 14:00 to 17:30 / Day 2: Sunday, April 26, 2026 from 8:00 to 12:00

14:30	17:30	<b>Dermatology Program Day 1 (Separate Registration Required)</b> 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, FRCP(C) (Canada); Dr. Afsaneh Alavi, MD, MSc, FRCPC (United States)	East Meeting Room 11, 12
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	Start	End	East Meeting Room 1   East Meeting Room 2, 3   East Meeting Room 8, 15   East Ballroom A							
	14:30	15:00	<b>The Intersection Between Wounds and Dementia: Understanding an Overlooked Relationship<sup>CH</sup></b> 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)	<b>The Montreal Model: Partnering to improve lives of persons living with an ostomy<sup>CH</sup></b> Caroline Wong, BA; Lisa Gausman Moderated by: Laurent Chabal, BSc (CBP), RN, OncPall (Cert), Dip (WH), ET, EAWT (Switzerland)	<b>Go with the Flow: Colon Cleansing<sup>CH</sup></b> Emily Woodgate, BScN, RN, NSWOC, WOCC(C) (Canada)	<b>Ostomy Patient Experience<sup>CH</sup></b> Maria-José Bouey, President Ostomy Association of the Americas;				
	15:00	15:12	<b>Free Paper: Improving pain and clinical outcomes patients with ulcers due to end stage Peripheral Arterial Disease<sup>CH</sup></b> Dr. Michael Stacey, MBBS, FRACS, DSurg (Canada)	<b>Free Paper: Effects of Online Oncology Yoga and Mindfulness-Based Meditation on Fatigue, Sleep, and Quality of Life in Colorectal Cancer Survivors<sup>CH</sup></b> Havvanur Kılıç, RN, WOC Nurse, MSc, PhD Candidate (Türkiye)	<b>Free Paper: Shame and Embarrassment in Individuals with Incontinence or an Ostomy: A Scoping Review<sup>CH</sup></b> Giulia Villa (Italy)	<b>Free Paper: Early A.L.E.R.T. Framework for Rapid Recognition and Prevention of Emergency Department-Acquired Pressure Injuries<sup>CH</sup></b> Ting Kuang Wang, MSc, RN, ETN, NP (Taiwan)				
14:30	16:00	15:12	15:24	<b>Free Paper: Integrating Faith, Culture, and Care: The Banjar Experience in Amputation Prevention Using Ambaratan Leaf Healing<sup>CH</sup></b> Hamka Yusuf Kahar, WOCN (ETN) (Indonesia)	<b>Free Paper: Stoma care nurses' experiences using a clinical feedback system in routine outpatient follow-up: A qualitative study<sup>CH</sup></b> Lill Anette Juvik, PhD candidate (Norway)	<b>Free Paper: Mapping the Evidence on Social Isolation in Individuals Living with Incontinence: A Scoping Review<sup>CH</sup></b> Giulia Villa (Italy)	<b>Free Paper: The Development and Validation of an Educational Technology for the Prevention and Treatment of Pressure Injuries<sup>CH</sup></b> Elisandra Pinheiro (Brazil)			
	15:24	15:36	15:36	15:48	15:48	16:00	<b>Free Paper: Effectiveness of Low-Level Laser Therapy combined with Unna Boot in the Healing of Venous Ulcers: A Triple-Blind Randomized Clinical Trial<sup>CH</sup></b> Guilherme Belaver, ETN (Brazil)	Q&A	<b>Free Paper: Co-Creating a Mobile App for Self-Management of Fecal Incontinence and Urgency in IBD<sup>CH</sup></b> Dr. Vera Lucia Conceição de Gouveia Santos, PhD (Brazil)	<b>Free Paper: Evaluating pressure injury concept representation in SNOMED CT and Canadian health data sets<sup>CH</sup></b> Lorraine J. Block, PhD, RN
	15:36	15:48	15:48	16:00			Q&A	<b>Free Paper: "I lost myself" Impact of Faecal Incontinence And Urgency In People With Inflammatory Bowel Disease<sup>CH</sup></b> Dr. Vera Lucia Conceição de Gouveia Santos, PhD (Brazil)	Q&A	
	15:48	16:00					Q&A	<b>Registration for NSWOC AMM Opens at 15:30</b>		
15:30	16:15	<b>Registration for NSWOC Annual Members Meeting (AMM) opens at 15:30 Registration for NSWOC AMM Opens at 15:30</b>					East Ballroom A			
16:15	17:45	<b>NSWOC Annual Members Meeting For NSWOC Members ONLY</b>					East Ballroom A			
18:15	18:45	<b>Pre-Congress Gala Networking</b>					East Ballroom B-C			
18:45	22:30	<b>Congress Gala, Awards, and WOC Institute Graduation Ceremony</b> <i>Separate registration required.</i>					East Exhibit Hall A			



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7:45	8:45	Educational Breakfast: <b>The Shear Mitigation Science and Clinical Experience Behind ALLEVYN COMPLETE CARE®</b> <b>Presentation 1: "Harvesting the Friction: The Science of Reducing Tissue Shear Through Effective Multi-Layer Dressing Design"</b> Dr. Amit Gefen, PhD, Professor of Biomedical Engineering, Tel Aviv University <b>Presentation 2: "Where Care Meets Innovation: ALLEVYN COMPLETE CARE® - The Canadian Patient Story."</b> Dr. Kevin Woo, PhD, RN, FAPWCA, NSWOC, WOCC(C), FNSWOC (Canada) <b>Sponsored by Smith+Nephew</b>	East Exhibit Hall A
9:15	10:45	<b>What's New in the 4th edition of the NPIAP, EPUAP, PPIA Pressure Injury Guidelines?</b> <sup>CH</sup> 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
	10:00	<b>Mobile Apps for Incontinence</b> <sup>CH</sup> 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	Educational Lunch: <b>Part 1: Meet the authors   Peristomal Hygiene: A Global Crisis</b> Catherine T. Milne, MSN, APRN, ANP/ACNS-BC, CWOCN-AP (USA); Dr. Maria Angela Boccara de Paula, PhD, MS, RN, ET (Brazil); Dr. Giulia Villa, PhD, RN, CNS (Italy) <b>Part 2: Practical Application of New Ostomy Research</b> Dr Tod Brindle, PhD, MSN, RN, ET, CWCN (USA) <b>Sponsored by Convatec</b>	East Exhibit Hall A



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13:15	14:45	13:15	<b>Bridging Science and Practice: New Perspectives on Wound Research and Policymaking</b> <sup>CH</sup> Professor Dimitri Beeckman, PhD, MSc, BSc, RN (Belgium and Sweden)	<b>Integrating Sexual Health into Ostomy Care: Strategies for Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Nurses</b> <sup>CH</sup> Leslie Heath, MCISc-WH RN, NSWOC, WOCC(C) (Canada)	<b>Low Anterior Resection Syndrome (LARS): Yes, we can help!</b> <sup>CH</sup> Louise Samuel, BScN, RN, ETN	<b>Urinary Diversions: Improving Patient Experience and Outcomes Through The Bladder Cancer Supportive Care Program</b> <sup>CH</sup> 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)
		13:45	<b>Implementing the IWII Wound Cleansing Guidelines: Advancing Global Standards for Safe and Effective Practice</b> <sup>CH</sup> Dr. Kimberly LeBlanc, PhD, MN, BScN, RN, NSWOC, WOCC(C), FCAN, FAAN, FNSWOC (Canada); Terry Swanson, NP, RN, NPWM, MHSc FAWMA, FMCNP (Australia); Karen Laforet, RN, MCISc-WH, CCHN(C), CVAA(c), VA-BC™ (Canada)	<b>Free Paper:</b> Sleep Quality and Sleep-Related Problems in Adults with an Ostomy: A Systematic Review and Narrative Synthesis <sup>CH</sup> Hawvanur Kılıç, RN, WOC Nurse, MSc, PhD Candidate (Türkiye)	<b>Free Paper:</b> Pocket Card for Pessary Users: Building a Clinical Follow-up Support Instrument <sup>CH</sup> Professor Gisela Assis, PhD (Nursing), MSc (Health Tech.), RN, ETN (Brazil)	<b>Free Paper:</b> Nurses' engagement in diagnostic stewardship - time to step it up <sup>CH</sup> Vicki Patton (Australia)
		14:15	<b>When to Refer for Surgical Debridement</b> <sup>CH</sup> Dr. R. Gary Sibbald, BSc. Md. M.Ed., D.SC (Hon), FRCPC (Med) (Derm), FAAD, MAPWCA, JM (Canada)	<b>Free Paper:</b> Efficacy of a Mobile App for Guidance on Self-Care for People with Intestinal Stoma <sup>CH</sup> Isabel Cristina Vieira Santos, ETN (Brazil)	<b>Free Paper:</b> Moving Mountains in Continence Care: Bringing Pessary Services into Seniors' Homes <sup>CH</sup> Mavis Knight, NCA (Canada)	<b>Free Paper:</b> Can low frequency ultra violet light detect bacteria in urine? A proof of concept study. <sup>CH</sup> Vicki Patton (Australia)
14:45	15:45	14:15		<b>Free Paper:</b> Design of an Educational Program for Ostomy Peers to Support Ostomy Self-Management: A Focus Group Study <sup>CH</sup> Cátia Teixeira, PhDs, MSc, NP (Portugal)	<b>Free Paper:</b> Pelvic Floor Biofeedback in the Digital Era: evidence, technology and future direction <sup>CH</sup> Khuloud Abdullah Alhassan, NP (Saudi Arabia)	<b>Free Paper:</b> Analysis of Health Behavior and Lower Urinary Tract Dysfunctions in Transgender People in Brazil <sup>CH</sup> Professor Gisela Assis, PhD (Nursing), MSc (Health Tech.), RN, ETN (Brazil)
			<b>Free Paper:</b> IBD to The Ileal Pouch: What Every Stoma & Continence Nurse Needs to Know <sup>CH</sup> Dr. Joseph W Nunoo-Mensah, B Med Sci (Hons), BM BS, FRCS, FASCERS, LLM (United Kingdom)	<b>Free Paper:</b> Enhancing Point-of-Care Assessment and Documentation of Moisture Lesions with the CAN-MASD Tool Joshua Moralejo RN, BScN, MScCH: WPC, NSWOC, WOCC(C), IIWCC (Canada)	<b>Free Paper:</b> Posterior tibial nerve stimulation for defaecatory disorders - best treatment, best time, best outcome <sup>CH</sup> Aycan Gonkur (Australia)	
14:45	15:45		Exhibit Hall & Poster Library	Q&A	Q&A	Q&A
			Exhibit Hall & Poster Library			East Exhibit Hall B



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16:00	16:00	16:30	<b>High Output Ileostomy and its Management</b> <sup>CH</sup> Laurent Chabal, BSc (CBP), RN, OncPall (Cert), Dip (WH), ET, EAWT (Switzerland)	<b>Wound Space</b> <sup>CH</sup> Dr. Kevin Woo, PhD, RN, FAPWCA, NSWOC, WOCC(C), FNSWOC (Canada); Mary Hill, MN, BScN, RN, NSWOC, WOCC(C), FNSWOC (Canada)	<b>Persons with dark skin tones: implications in skin and wound care</b> <sup>CH</sup> Elizabeth A. Ayello, PhD, RN, ACNS-BC, CWON, MAPWCA, FAAN (USA); Emmy Nokaneng, MChD (MFOS), MSc, PG Dip, BChD, BSc (South Africa)	<b>Implementation of a Regional Wound Care Strategy in Vancouver Coastal Health: A Quality Improvement Initiative</b> <sup>CH</sup> Christina Hagner, MN, RN, NSWOC, WOCC(C) (Canada)	
							<b>Empowering ostomy patients through education to impact quality of life in Malaysia</b> <sup>CH</sup> Mariam Mohammed-Nassir (Malaysia)
	<b>Achieving Standardized WOC/ET Education Across Türkiye</b> <sup>CH</sup> Havvanur Kılıç, RN, WOC Nurse, MSc, PhD Candidate (Türkiye)	<b>Free Paper:</b> Development and Psychometric Validation of the Wound Care Health Literacy Scale <sup>CH</sup> Yun Hsin Chang, MN (Taiwan); Yu-Lin Wu (Taiwan)	<b>Free Paper:</b> Combined wound Care in Buruli Ulcer in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo <sup>CH</sup> Lydie Matanda Mujinga (Democratic Republic of the Congo)	<b>Free Paper:</b> Bringing the Gold Standard to Care: Implementation of a TCC program in community care <sup>CH</sup> Christina Hagner, MN, RN, NSWOC, WOCC(C) (Canada)			
					<b>Free Paper:</b> "The Patient Will See You Now". Engaging strategies to provide care to underserved populations <sup>CH</sup> Laurie M Parsons, BSc., BMedSc., MD., FRCP(C)(Canada)	<b>Free Paper:</b> Use of Thermography in the Evaluation of Incontinence-Associated Dermatitis and Other Injuries: Case Series <sup>CH</sup> Dr. Vera Lucia Conceição de Gouveia Santos, PhD (Brazil)	<b>Free Paper:</b> Wound Care for Vulnerable Populations <sup>CH</sup> Maria Foote, RN (Canada)
	Q&A	Q&A	Q&A				
16:00	17:30	17:00				<b>Panel: The Importance of International Collaboration in Wound, Ostomy and Continence Care</b> <sup>CH</sup> Professor Dimitri Beeckman, PhD, MSc, BSc, RN (Belgium and Sweden); Samantha Holloway, M.Sc, FHEA, Cert Ed (FE), RN (United Kingdom); 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, MHS FAWMA, FMACNP (Australia); Gulnaz Tariq, BScN, RN, IIWCC, Post Grad Dip (United Arab Emirates); Moderated by Dr. Kimberly LeBlanc, PhD, MN, BScN, RN, NSWOC, WOCC(C), FCAN, FAAN, FNSWOC (Canada)	East Exhibit Hall A
19:30	21:30		<b>Networking Event (on-site)</b> <i>Separate registration required.</i>			East Exhibit Hall A	



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**MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2026**

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7:00	8:00	<b>Educational Breakfast:</b> <b>Beyond Fit: Advancing Peristomal Skin Health Through Smarter Barrier Formulation</b> Paris Purnell, MBA RN, Cert STN, Senior Manager, Clinical Education, Asia Pacific, Hollister Incorporated (Australia); Dr. Adrian Defante, PhD, BSc, Senior Lead Scientist, Hollister Incorporated (USA) <b>Sponsored by Hollister Limited</b>			East Exhibit Hall A
		8:30	9:15	<b>Complex Wound Management</b> <sup>CH</sup> Emmy Nokaneng, MChD (MFOS), MSc, PG Dip, BChD, BSc (South Africa)	
8:30	10:45	9:15	10:00	<b>Vaginal pessary as an alternative to surgical treatment for pelvic organ prolapses</b> <sup>CH</sup> Professor Gisela Assis, PhD (Nursing), MSc (Health Tech.), RN, ETN (Brazil)	
		10:00	10:45	<b>Indigenous Cultural Safety and Health Equity in Indigenous Communities</b> <sup>CH</sup> 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)	
10:45	11:45	<b>Exhibit Hall &amp; Poster Library</b>			East Exhibit Hall B
12:00	13:00	<b>Educational Lunch:</b> <b>Complex Wounds, Connected Care: WOC-Led Approaches to Complex Wound Healing</b> Mary Anne Obst, RN, CWON, CCRN, CWS <b>Sponsored by Solventum</b>			East Exhibit Hall A



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13:15	13:45	<b>An overview of wound infections<sup>CH</sup></b> Dr. Ranjani Somayaji, BScT, MD, MPH, FRCPC (Canada)	<b>New guidelines for safe physical activity after stoma surgery, incorporating parastomal hernia - EXPASS from ASCN UK<sup>CH</sup></b> Sarah Russell, MSc, BSc, Clinical Exercise Specialist (United Kingdom)	<b>New Aspects of Bariatric Patient Care<sup>CH</sup></b> Dr. Marcel Kaganovskaya, DNP, PMHNP-BC, FNP-BC, NP-C, CCRN, VA-BC, FNYAM (USA)	<b>Surgical Site Infections<sup>CH</sup></b> Terry Swanson, NP, RN, NPWM, MHSc, FAWMA, FMCNP (Australia)	
		<b>Education in Wound Care: Empowering Better Healing Outcomes<sup>CH</sup></b> Gulnaz Tariq, BScN, RN, IIWCC, Post Grad Dip (United Arab Emirates)	<b>Free Paper: From Metrics to Momentum: Driving Hospital-Wide Adoption for Best Practice in Ostomy Care<sup>CH</sup></b> Rosemary Hill, RN, BScN, CWOCN, NSWOC, WOCC(C), FNSWOC (Canada)	<b>Free Paper: Beyond Survival: Managing Low Anterior Resection Syndrome with Transanal Irrigation: A Meta-analysis<sup>CH</sup></b> Ting-Kuang Wang, MSc, RN, ETN, NP (Taiwan)	<b>Free Paper: Simple Skin Suturing in Brazil: An Emerging Nursing Practice for Expanding Access to Care<sup>CH</sup></b> Sonia Dantas, PhD, ET (Brazil)	
		13:45	14:15	<b>Free Paper: Peristomal Hygiene: A Global Crisis<sup>CH</sup></b> Catherine T. Milne, MSN, APRN, ANP/ACNS-BC, CWOCN-AP (USA)	<b>Free Paper: Expert consensus on non-operative management of parastomal hernia in adults<sup>CH</sup></b> Yajuan Weng, MSN, MBA, FAAN, ETN (China); Wei Min, MSN, ETN (China)	<b>Free Paper: The Lived Experience of Parastomal Hernia Repair<sup>CH</sup></b> Brenda Christiansen, BN, STN (Australia)
				<b>Free Paper: Surgical Urgency and Outcomes: A Longitudinal Mixed-Methods Study of Adults Following Faecal Stoma Formation<sup>CH</sup></b> Wendy Pearson (Australia)	<b>Free Paper: Managing circumferential mucocutaneous dehiscence and stoma retraction to avoid stomal stenosis<sup>CH</sup></b> Kate Brereton (Australia)	<b>Free Paper: Experiences of Patients Living with a Stoma and Stomatherapists in a Remotely Conducted Educational Pathway: A Phenomenological Qualitative Study<sup>CH</sup></b> Giulia Villa (Italy)
14:15	14:27	<b>Free Paper: Prevalence and Risk Factors of Impaired Tissue Integrity in Nursing Homes and Long-Term Care Facilities in Türkiye: A Multicenter Study<sup>CH</sup></b> Havanur Kiliç, RN, WOC Nurse, MSc, PhD Candidate (Türkiye)	<b>Free Paper: Practice of Enterostomal Therapy Nurses in Intestinal Control (Irrigation) for People with Colostomy<sup>CH</sup></b> Juliano Moraes, ET, PhD (Brazil); Prof. Maria Angela Boccara de Paula (Brazil)	<b>Free Paper: Healthcare resource utilization, leakage and peristomal skin complications during the first year after colostomy or ileostomy formation<sup>CH</sup></b> Eva Carlsson (Sweden)	<b>Free Paper: Stronger Together: A Unified Approach to Ostomy Issues<sup>CH</sup></b> Karla Lohnes, MCISc-WH, BScN, RN-AP, NSWOC, WOCC(C) (Canada); Michelle Carr, BNursing, GradCertSTN, MCLinNurse (Wound), MNursingSc(NP) (Canada)	
14:27	14:45	Q&A	Q&A	Q&A	Q&A	
14:45	15:45	Exhibit Hall & Poster Library				East Exhibit Hall B
15:45	16:30	<b>My Ostomy Journey: Moving Mountains to Strive for Better Patient Experiences<sup>CH</sup></b> Lisa Gausman (Canada)				East Exhibit Hall A
15:30	16:15	<b>WOC Institute Faculty Meeting For WOC Institute Faculty ONLY</b>				East Meeting Room 1
16:45	18:15	<b>WCET Annual Members Meeting For WCET Members ONLY</b>				East Ballroom A

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		Workshops / Masterclasses (*Subject to capacity/restrictions: Please register in advance)		
9:00	12:00	East Meeting Room 13		East Meeting Room 12
		<b>Beyond the Bandage: Enhancing Limb Health Through Compression Workshop</b> Bev Smith, BScN, RN, NSWOC (Canada); Josée Sénéchal, MScCH-WC, BScN, RN, NSWOC, (Canada)	<b>Advanced Conservative Sharp Wound Debridement Workshop<sup>CH</sup></b> Rosemary Hill, BSN, RN, CWOCN, NSWOC, WOCC(C), NSWOC, FNSWOC (Canada); Tarik Alam, MCISc(WH), BScN, RN, NSWOC (Canada)	
9:00	9:50	<b>Colorectal Cancer: Rising Rates in Younger People - Why?<sup>CH</sup></b> 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
		<b>Wound Bed Preparation: Identifying the correct wound cause<sup>CH</sup></b> 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)	<b>Ostomy Complications, Challenges and Management in Children<sup>CH</sup></b> Louise Forest-Lalande, MEd, RN, NSWOC, FNSWOC (Canada); Emily Woodgate, BScN, RN, NSWOC, WOCC(C) (Canada)	
		<b>Free Paper: Evaluation of the Effectiveness and Reach of the Simplified 60-Second Diabetic Foot Screening Tool in Canadian Allied Healthcare Settings<sup>CH</sup></b> David Walker, MBA, MPH, BSc. Kin (Hons) (Canada)	<b>Free Paper: Adolescents Living with an Ostomy: A Photovoice to Make Visible Their Experiences and Raise Awareness<sup>CH</sup></b> Prof. Julie Gagnon, NSWOC (Canada); Prof. Marie-Josée Tremblay, Psychologist (Canada); Marie-Océane Lavoie, Psychology Student (Canada)	
10:52	11:04	<b>Free Paper: Mapping Acute Care Wound Management Programs in Canada: Findings from the CAN-WISE National Survey<sup>CH</sup></b> Dr. Corey Heerschap, PhD, RN, NSWOC, WOCC(C), FNSWOC (Canada); Britney Butt, MCISc-WH, BScN, RN, NSWOC, WOCC(C)/CWOCN (Canada)	<b>Free Paper: Understanding Priorities: Insights from Individuals Living with an Ostomy<sup>CH</sup></b> Rosemary Hill, BSN, RN, CWOCN, NSWOC, WOCC(C), FNSWOC (Canada)	
11:04	11:16	Q&A		Q&A
11:30	12:30	<b>The Great Pressure Injury Debate—Who Should Stage, and Should We Even Stage?<sup>CH</sup></b> 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 Capitulo, PhD, RN, FAAN, FNYAM, IIWCC, C-CNS (USA)		East Exhibit Hall A
12:30	13:15	<b>Closing Ceremony &amp; Remarks</b> Presentation of Awards and Poster Awards WCET® Announcement: New Board Members & Next Location/Flag		East Exhibit Hall A