



Australian Wound Management Association Inc

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Matters arising from the AWMA Committee Meeting 30 and 31 July 2005

Open Forum Inaugural Venous Leg Ulcer Consensus Meeting

AWMA will host the above Forum at the *Parmelia Hilton, Mill St Perth Western Australia, on Tuesday, 6 September, 2005 5pm -8pm*. The Forum, which is being held in accordance with NHMRC requirements for the development of clinical practice guidelines, will assist in determining the need and processes for developing national guidelines for the prevention and management of venous leg ulcers secondary to chronic venous insufficiency. Invited speakers, noted for their expertise in the field of leg ulcers, will address the Forum after which there will be opportunity for open debate. . An invitation to attend is extended to health professionals, industry representatives and consumers with an interest in the prevention and management of venous leg ulcers. An RSVP if attending is required for catering purposes and can be made by emailing names to Judith Manning (Secretary) at awma@ozemail.com.au

The Australian Wound Management Association is keen to receive your views on the development of clinical practice guidelines for the prevention and management of venous leg ulcers arising from chronic venous insufficiency. Written submissions therefore, are welcome and will be tabled at the meeting. Please forward any submissions to the secretary at the above address.

CONSTITUTION

A postal referendum on proposed changes to the Constitution is being organised to coincide with the distribution of the August edition of Primary Intention.

AWMA Co-hosted Conference Canberra 15-18 March 2006

Abstract submission closes on 9 September 2005. Consider how you can contribute to the program by submitting an abstract within the following categories: Education and Best Practice; Evaluation; Clinical Practice; Research and Innovation. Poster abstracts are also welcomed. A number of international and national guest speakers have been confirmed. The Registration brochure will be circulated in Primary Intention in November 2005. . Details of the conference and registration of interest can be found on the Association's website www.awma.com.au

AWMA Fellow

The AWMA Fellowship recognises outstanding contributions to the AWMA or wound management in Australia and the Asia Pacific region. Nominations received from members via state committees are currently being considered by the subcommittee. The inauguration of the AWMA Fellowship will occur at the AWMA co-hosted conference, Canberra 2006.

Membership Kit

Development of the CD Rom for inclusion in the Membership Kit for new members is progressing steadily. The draft version demonstrated was well received. Following the launch of the CD at the Conference in March 2006, it will be made available to state membership officers for distribution to new members. Ideas as to what could be included on the CD Rom are welcomed.

Accrediting of Wound Management Courses

The Education Sub-committee continues to investigate processes for accrediting Australian wound management courses.

National Institute of Clinical Studies (NICS)

The AWMA has met with representatives from the NICS to discuss ways in which the two organisations can collaborate in the field of wound management. We look forward to keeping you apprised of events.

Royal College of Nursing Australia (RCNA)

The RCNA have endorsed the Association's Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Prediction and Prevention of Pressure Ulcers and Standards for Wound Management.

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