

## Presenter Profiles

**Bill McGuiness** is a Senior Lecturer in the Division of Nursing and Midwifery LaTrobe University. He currently provides wound management consultation to The Alfred, and surrounding nursing homes. He is the Deputy Head for the School of Nursing at LaTrobe University, and co-ordinates the Post graduate diploma in wound prevention and repair.

Bills wound related research has included; Fluctuations in wound temperature during change of dressing procedures, Wound assessment: The role of digital photographic documentation, the influence of digital wound photographic documentation on the decision making of nurses. His current research interest includes pressure injury prevention, the importance of slough and erythema in determining the progression of chronic venous leg ulcers and the influence of bio-burden in slow to heal wounds.

**Keryln Carville** RN BHLthSc(Nsg) STN(Cred) PhD Associate Professor Domiciliary Nursing  
Silver Chain Nursing Association and Curtin University Perth, WA

Keryln is a founding and life member of the WA Wound Care Association. She is the Editor of the Journal of Stomal Therapy Australia and is on the Editorial Board of Primary Intention and the Journal of the Australian Council of Community Nurses. She is Chairperson on the AWMA Subcommittee for the development and review of the Australian Standards of Wound Management.

Her role is one of Clinical Consultant in wound and ostomy management and an adjunct appointment to Curtin University for the development and coordination of postgraduate studies in domiciliary nursing. In addition, she has an every increasing interest and commitment to research and is currently participating in pressure ulcer prevalence studies on a local and national perspective.

**Tabatha Rando** RN, Grad Dip CHN, Grad Cert STN, Adv Certs Wound Mgt, Dip FLM, Cert IV WAT. *Clinical Nurse Consultant - Wound Management Melbourne Health Royal Melbourne Hospital.*

Tabatha is a dynamic registered nurse who has worked as a Wound CNC since 1995 in community nursing (RDNS) and recently in the acute and subacute sectors with the Royal Melbourne Hospital. She has a focus on improving standards of holistic patient focus evidence based care. Tabatha's commitment to ongoing education is evident in her role as a course assessor for the Monash University Post Graduate Studies in Wound Management since 2003. She has worked in the Caulfield Ulcer Clinic at Caulfield General Medical Centre since 1998 and in the multi-disciplinary Chronic Wound Service Clinic (MECRS/NARI) since 2003. Tabatha has presented at various state, national and international wound management conferences and has had several articles published. She is an active member and a past president of the Wound Management Association of Victoria. Her passion for wound prevention, management and improving practice is apparent.

**Terry Swanson** Mrs Terry Swanson is one of the first Nurse Practitioners in Wound Management in Australia and has held this role since 2004. Based in Warrnambool, Victoria, Terry manages an outpatient wound management clinic, provides inpatient consultations and is a resource for the southwest region of Victoria. From her base in rural Victoria, Terry manages to participate in and hold a number of positions on state and national organisations. She has also presented at state, national and international level on wound management and nursing issues. Terry is currently in the final stages of a Masters degree exploring the variables that influence provision of wound management. On completion of her degree, Terry hopes to dedicate her 'spare' time to writing articles for *Primary Intention*.

**Matthew James Wilson** Clinical Nurse Specialist in Wound Care at Liverpool Hospital NSW. A nurse with over 9 years experience in wound care, outpatients, intensive care and operating theatres; both locally and abroad. Currently studying a Masters of Wound care through Monash University having completed a Graduate Certificate in Wound Care and Graduate Diploma in Wound Care through Monash University.

**Jan Rice** is a Registered Nurse with over 35 years experience in surgical nursing. Considered a leader in the field of wound care for the past 15 years Jan has been awarded an inaugural Fellowship to the Australian Wound Management Association in March 2006. In 2005 Jan co-authored a text book-Plastic and Reconstructive Surgical Nursing, published by Blackwell Science. Jan is a member of several wound advisory boards and Chairs the AWMA Educational and Professional Development sub-committee. Jan is also a member of the Venous Leg Ulcer Guidelines Development sub-committee. Her role of Manager Education & Clinical Services, Wound Foundation of Australia sees her teaching across all sectors of health. Jan took the initiative in 2006 to set up a wound clinic in a large metropolitan Melbourne General Practice and uses this as clinical placement centre for Practice Nurses. Her passion for wound care and her commitment to education and training has made her a popular invited speaker for wound care seminars and conferences throughout the Australasian region.

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**Mr. Tal Ellis** RN, BN Director WoundHeal Australia Fellow of the Australian Wound Management Association Life Member, South Australian Wound Management Association Vice-president, AWMA  
Tal Ellis is Director of WoundHeal Australia and was a lecturer in Nursing at the University of South Australia for fifteen years (1991 to 2006). He is a cofounder and was first president of the South Australian Wound Management Association. He served on the Steering committee for the formation of a national wound management association and became first secretary of the Australian Wound Management Association. Tal co-authored and coordinated the University of SA Wound Management Course (1993 - 2005) and is also co-author of the Wound Field Concept. Tal practices and consults in the Aged Care sector and has a particular interest in the care of older people with wounds. He also consults within the wound care industry and provides training and education to a wide range of companies, training organisations, nursing institutions, General practices (GP's and Nurses) and Divisions of General practice. Research interests include Pressure Ulcers, Skin Tears, IT based wound management devices/applications, education and dressing procedure. Tal was made a Fellow of the AWMA in 2006 and is a life member of the South Australian Wound Management Association. He currently holds the position of Vice-President of the Australian Wound Management Association.

**Melissa O'Brien** Wound Care Program Manager Clinical Governance Unit Northern Sydney Central Coast Health. Until June 2006, Melissa was the Wound Care/Stomal Therapy CNC at Royal North Shore Hospital & a CNS in the Severe Burns Injury Unit.  
Melissa holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Acute Care Nursing, a Graduate Certificate in Stomal Therapy Nursing, and completed the Australian New Zealand Burns Association's Emergency Management of Severe Burns Course in 2001. Melissa is about to commence her Masters of Clinical Leadership this year.  
A major focus for Melissa during her time as the CNC Wound Care/Stomal Therapy was as the clinical lead for the pressure ulcer prevention project. This program was highly successful with a decrease in pressure area prevalence by over 50%. In her current role as the Wound Care Program Manager Melissa is responsible for co-ordinating the Area Wide Wound Care Program. The aim of this program is to improve the outcomes & quality of life for patients with wound care problems within NSCCAHS "community".

**Ms Tonia Easton** Area Quality Manager, Clinical Governance Unit Hunter New England Health Service  
Tonia is a Registered Nurse and Midwife having obtained her qualifications from Royal North Shore Hospital Sydney along with a postgraduate certificate in Acute Care Nursing (NSW College of Nursing) a Bachelor of Nursing (Deakin University) and a Graduate Diploma in Quality Management in Health Care from the University of Newcastle. She is also a surveyor with Quality Management Services, Australia.  
Tonia has had over 20 years experience in the health care industry and is currently the Area Quality Manager for Hunter New England Health, and prior to this previously held positions as Area Quality Manager, New England Area Health Service, and other Senior Quality Manager portfolios, Nursing Unit Manager portfolios and Clinical Nurse Specialist Intensive Care  
Tonia has extensive experience in leading strategic systems-wide healthcare improvement programs and health planning. She has a special interest in areas of clinical guideline and policy development and the establishment of best practice models of care that are underpinned by evidence-based medicine and information management systems that enable timely feedback to clinicians of the outcomes of their care delivery.

**Wendy White** RN. B.Ed. Plast Cert. MRCNA Is a Clinical Nurse Consultant / Lecturer in Wound Management, Wound Foundation of Australia. Wendy has been a team member of an interdisciplinary chronic wound service in Melbourne from 2004-2007, and also a unit advisor - post graduate wound management studies, Monash University. Wendy is a Past President of the Victorian Wound Management Association, and is a member of the Education sub committee of the Australian Wound Management Association. In 2006, Wendy was invited to join an International Advisory Panel examining future recommendations to minimise trauma and pain at dressing change to be presented at the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Union of Wound Healing Society meetings, Toronto 2008. In 2007, Wendy and her husband relocated to NSW, where she aims to take every opportunity to share her passionate belief that health care professionals 'Can Make a Difference' as we care for our patients, clients or residents.

**Margo Asimus** RN, Certified Midwife, Grad Cert Stomal Therapy, Nurse Practitioner – Wound Management, Hunter New England Health Service.  
Margo is the first Nurse Practitioner in wound management in NSW. Her role involves providing a wound management service in both community and acute care within Hunter New England Area Health Service. Her current projects include data collection that measures wound healing against wound management practice in patients receiving care in the community. At a local level Margo is the founder and president of the Hunter Wound Interest Group and represents nurses nationally on the Australian Wound Management Committee.