

AAWM Opens Exam to Canadians

In March, the AAWM Board approved a motion to open the CWS® examination to wound care professionals from Canada. The opening of the exam to Canadians was in response to the large requests the AAWM gets each exam period from individuals outside of the United

States (previously the exam was restricted only to citizens of the United States and its territories).

October 16, 2004 will be the first exam open to Canadians. Depending on the response from October candidates, AAWM may look to open the exam to other countries in the coming years.



Join us! CWS®
Reception in October



The next CWS® reception will take place the week of September 30 – October 3, 2004 at the Hyatt Regency in Phoenix, Arizona. The date, time and location will be announced later this month, but will coincide with the Clinical Symposium on Advances in Skin & Wound Care.

New Certificates Available!

Take advantage of this opportunity to order a new Certified Wound Specialist® certificate for your office or home. With the new AAWM logo introduced in 2002, most CWSs still have the old logo on their certificates. Also, with the May bylaws change, all CWSs are now “Diplomates” and your certificate should also reflect this designation.

New AAWM certificates are available to those CWSs that have paid their annual re-registration fees for 2004. The cost of the new certificate is \$25. Contact AAWM for an order form at 202-521-0368 or woundnet@aawm.org

Bylaws Changes Approved

The proposed bylaws changes presented to CWSs in April were approved on May 3, 2004. If you have misplaced your copy of the proposed changes, you may download the new bylaws from the members only section of the website at www.aawm.org/members_only.lasso. Remember you will need your CWS ID (found on your CWS® ID card) to access this member's only section.

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AAWM Exhibits in 2004

AAWM will be exhibiting at the following shows this summer and fall. Please visit the AAWM Booth if you are attending any of these shows:

- **Wound Care Congress**, September 11–13, 2004, in New Orleans, Louisiana.
- **Texas Podiatric Medical Association's Southwest Foot and Ankle Conference**, September 17–19, 2004, in Dallas, Texas.
- **Clinical Symposium on Advances in Skin & Wound Care**, September 30 – October 3, 2004 in Phoenix, Arizona. Booth Number 517.
- **NY State Society of Physicians Assistants**, October 1–2, 2004, in Albany, NY.
- **Texas Physical Therapy Association Annual Conference/Student Conclave**, October 23, 2004, in Austin, Texas.

The Regional Committee is requesting your assistance with finding exhibiting opportunities for 2005. If you know of a state or local meeting that has exhibit space, and would be a beneficial conference for AAWM to exhibit at, please contact AAWM at 202-521-0368 or woundnet@aawm.org.

Anyone interested in joining the Regional Committee should also contact AAWM.



A Founder's Thoughts

Chet Evans, MS, DPM, CWS

As I attempt to write these words, I cannot help but flash back to the day the idea for the Academy was born. On that day in 1995, a vascular surgeon, two non-ET wound care nurses, another podiatrist and I were engaged in a discussion where we all, ultimately, ended up defining ourselves as wound care experts. Yet, brilliantly, we deduced that although all of us had a valuable role to play in the care of a patient's wound, not one of us had been held to any standard or requisite body of knowledge that would allow ourselves to be called "specialists" in this area. Dr. John Nelson, current AAWM Secretary/Treasurer, Dr. John Prior and I decided at that moment that it really wasn't a question of why or how a certification process would be established, but when.

The task of developing a credible process that fairly examined a core body of knowledge across the basic medical sciences and amongst multiple disciplines required of a "complete" wound care practitioner was daunting. And it was only accomplished because of the commitment of the earliest boards to quality and the maintenance of a high standard in the test development and examination process. The result is a highly sought after, meaningful, interdisciplinary credential.

At the last meeting of the board, I was extremely edified by the quality of the individuals and their voluntary dedication to furthering the mission of the Academy. Although my position is now ex-officio, I cannot help but swell with pride and yes, some degree of paternalism, at the

tremendous success of the Academy and the esteem it has earned after suffering an early period of outside skepticism. Some of those skeptics have now earned their CWS! And reading the testimonials from others who have earned their credential is all one needs to recognize how badly certification in this specialized area was needed.

I look forward to sharing with all of you the continued growth and development of the Academy. It exists for you, and your involvement is critical to its future.

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Recent Certified Wound Specialists

These individuals successfully passed the National Board Certification Examination for Wound Management Professionals on April 17, 2004 and may utilize the CWS® designation. This class had a pass rate of 66% our highest pass rate since October 1999.

Joan Alfano, ASNS, CWS
Heather L. Alumbaugh, BSPT, CWS
David L. Andrisani, BS, DO, CWS
Wali Mohammad Aseem, MD, CWS
Kimberly Anne Barcia, RN, CWS, BS
Peggy T. Bates, Diploma Nurse, CWS
Lisa Bauer, MBA, CWS
Jennifer Lynn Bauknight, MPT, CWS
Allan Belcher, MA, RN, CWS
Susan P. Bellene, BSN, CWS
Kathleen A. Bennett, Diploma, CWS
Richard A. Berliner, DPM, CWS
Barry G. Bernstein, DPM, CWS
Barbara Lynn Bieke, RN, MSN, CWS
Ruth M. Boisse, RN, CWS
Leah Marie Bradshaw, BSN, CWS
Kathleen Brehm-Heitman, BS, BSPT, MSA, CWS
David N. Brotman, MD, FACS, CWS
Anatoly J. Bulkin, MD, CWS
Gary Robert Burman Alpern, MD, CWS
Kelly Marie Byrd, CHT, DMT, CWS
Tracy Fay Byrd, RN, CWS
Adrianna Cantu, MSPT, CWS
Maria Dulce Carunungan, MSPT, BSPT, CWS
Holly Adrian Cates, RN-C, CWOCN, CWS
Deena M. Chaffee, BSPT, CWS
Robert Chaskes, DO, CWS
Lisa Dawn Covarrubio, LVN, CWS
Brett William Cundiff, ASN, BPH, CWS
Deborah K. Cupps, RN, CWS
Carol Curry, LPN, CWS

Marci R. Curtis, BSPT, CWS
Nancy Lee DeDecker, CWS
Sondra D. Deimund, AA, CWS
Linda W. Dickerson, RN, BSN, CWON, CWS
June A. Downing, BSN, CWS
Susette D. DuPuis, MPT, CWS
Adele Colella Eckel, DPM, CWS
Ayman Eraiba, MD, CWS
Linda Ann Feldman, DPT, RN, CWS
Brian Fisher, MS, CWS
Yvette Glenn, MSN, FNP, CWS
Jerry Gold, MSPT, BSPT, CWS
Bari Joy Goldstein, LPN, CWS
Ryan Patrick Goodwine, MPT, CWS
Jaimee D. Haan, BSPT, CWS
Susan R. Hail, RN, CWS
Cheryl A. Hanson, ADN, CWS
Sheri Lynn Harrison, MPT, CWS
Sharon L. Hayes, RN, FNP, CWS
Mary Allison Hendrickson, DO, CWS
Meredith S. Hereld, ADN, CWS
Ginger A. Holko, RN, BSN, MBA, CWS
Kyle E. Hoogendoorn, DPM, CWS
Mir Abid Husain, MD, FACP, CWS
Constance M. Hyken, ARNP, CWS
Laura H. Johnston, RN, CRRN, CWS
Yale Mitchell Kadesky, MD, CWS
Michael Richard Kaye, DPM, CWS
Dwain Kelley, PT, CWS
Yvonne Kightlinger, RN, CWS
John R. Killough, DPM, CWS

Michele Kurlanski, DPM, CWS
Brenda C. Laboda, RN, CWS
Michelle E. Lee, MPT, CWS
Sylvia R. Lee, MPT, CWS
Chantal B. Lorio, DPM, CWS
William David Lucky, MD, CWS
Marcus Eric Mason, MD, CWS
Charles Henry McClain, LPN, CWS
Sandra L. McHugh, ADN, CWS
Janell McNeill, MSN, CRRN, CWS
Shirley Ann McReynolds, ADN, CWS
Bhavin V. Mehta, DPM, CWS
Matthew O. Mertz, DPM, CWS
Lisa Lynn Miller, BSN, CWS
Robert J. Mintzer, MPT, CWS
Kelly Douglas Moore, MBA, BSPT, CWS
Cynthia H. Morgan, LPN, CWS
Deborah R. Myers, BSN, MSN, CWS
Sharon Marie Newton, LPN, CWS
Courtney G. Nichols, DPM, CWS
Kimberly A. Pambianchi, BSN, RN, CWS
Dimitrios Panagopoulos, DPM, CWS
John Patricelli, MD, CWS
Kim L. Peters, ASN, CWS
David A. Peterson, RN, CWS
Dawn M. Piech, PT, MPT, CWS
Pamela E. Pontoppidan, RN, BSN, CWS
Donna L. Pope, BSN, CWS
Kenneth Luke Quick, DPM, CWS
Stacey J. Rapp, MPT, CWS
Janice H. Reilly, RN, CHRN, CWS

Denise Rochelle Richards, BA, MPT, CWS
Tessa L. Robertson, MPT, CWS
Shelley W. Ryan, PT, CWS
Tammy K. Ryeczyk, BS, MSPT, CWS
Oluyemisi R. Sangodeyi, MD, FACS, CWS
Payam Sarraf, DPM, CWS
Anne Marie Schmidlin, MSN, RN, FNP-C, CWS
Jennifer D. Schwetmann, MSPT, CWS
Jon Senkowsky, MD, CWS
Alap P. Shah, DPM, CWS
Wanda Smith, AAS, BA, RN, CWS
Paul G. Sommer, DPM, CWS
Norma Stordahl, MSN, ARNP, CVN, RVT, CWS
Theodore H. Teruya, MD, FACS, CWS
Victoria Tool-Camp, DPM, CWS
Carmen Urias, PT, CWS
Steven D. Vyce, DPM, CWS
Ronnie Arold Wagley, Jr., MPT, CWS
Rhonda R. Ware, LPN, CWS
Christopher D. Webre, BSPT, BA, CWS
David Webster, MD, CWS
Dorothy M. Weir, RN, CWOCN, CWS
Guy J. Werkhoven, DPM, CWS
Hugo Sean Whitten, RN, CWS
James R. Wilcox, BSN, RN, CWS, CWON, ACHRN
Gary Willard, MD, CWS
Karen R. Wyatt, ADN, CWS
Diane Yacono, RN, APN-C, CWS
Joonhyun Yoon, DPM, CWS

Meetings Calendar



Please remember that CWSs are required to complete six (6) hours of continuing education each year and document these Continuing Education Units (CEUs) along with their annual re-registration. Below is a list of upcoming courses.

Please note that AAWM does not produce any seminars or review courses. AAWM has not reviewed the information or materials provided by any of these meetings, seminars or courses, and does not specifically recommend or endorse any of them.

8/20/2004
12th Annual World Congress on Anti-Aging Medicine
 Hyatt Regency
 Chicago, IL
 Phone: 1-800-558-1267
www.worldhealth.net/events/

8/22/2004
2004 Annual Scientific Meeting & 18th World Congress of Podiatry
 American Podiatric Medical Association
 Boston Marriott Copley Place & Hynes Convention Ctr.
 Boston, MA
 Phone: 301-581-9200
 Fax: 301-530-2752
<http://www.apma.org/anmeet/meet.htm>

9/7/2004
50th Annual Conference
 American Paraplegia Society (APS)
 Las Vegas, NV
www.apsoci.org

9/8/2004
58th Annual Meeting
 American Society for Surgery of the Hand
 Hilton on 6th & 53rd
 New York, NY
 Phone: 847-384-8300
 Fax: 847-384-1435
info@assh.org
www.assh.org

9/11/2004
8th Annual Wound Care Congress
 Educators2000 Plus
 Fairmont Hotel
 New Orleans, LA
 Phone: 800-722-0080
 Fax: 972-380-2753
ceu_inc@msn.com
www.educators2000plus.com

9/11/2004
Chronic Wound Care Simplified
 Ms. Nancy B. Schwartz
 Jacksonville, FL
 Phone: 866-329-0023
www.empowerteach.com

9/11/2004
Current Concepts in Wound Healing
 Jeffrey Feedar, PT, CWS, Wound Care Resources, Inc
 Ramada Inn & Conference Center
 State College, PA
 Phone: 262-245-6812
feedar@woundcareresources.com
www.woundcareresources.com

9/17/2004
Southwest Foot & Ankle Conference
 Texas Podiatric Medical Association
 Hotel Inter-Continental
 Dallas, TX
 Phone: 512-494-1123
 Fax: 512-494-1129
krichter@txpma.org
www.txpma.org

9/17/2004
Diabetic Foot Care: Concepts and Controversies
 Penn State College of Medicine,
 Bonnie Bixler, M.Ed.
 Colonial Williamsburg
 Woodlands Conference Center
 Williamsburg, VA
 Phone: 717-531-6483
 Fax: 717-531-5604
continuinged@hmc.psu.edu
www.hmc.psu.edu/ce/pdfs/09182004diabeticfoot.pdf

9/18/2004
Current Concepts in Wound Healing
 Jeffrey Feedar, PT, CWS, Wound Care Resources, Inc
 heartland Rehabilitation Services and Kennedy health System
 Stratford, NJ
 Phone: 262-245-6812
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9/18/2004
TPMA Southwest Foot and Ankle Conference
 Inter-Continental Hotel
 Dallas, TX
 Phone: 972-386-6000

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 Jeffrey Feedar, PT, CWS, Wound Care Resources, Inc
 Heartland Rehabilitation Services and Kennedy Health System
 Stratford, NJ
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9/25/2004
Advanced Wound Healing
 Jeffrey Feedar, PT, CWS, Wound Care Resources, Inc
 Clarion Hotel Airport
 Milwaukee, WI
 Phone: 262-245-6812
feedar@woundcareresources.com
www.woundcareresources.com

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9/29/2004
2004 Annual Meeting
 Emergency Nurses Association
 San Diego, CA
www.ena.org

9/30/2004
Wound Management Workshop
 AMA, Inc.; UC San Diego,
 School of Medicine
 TBA
 San Diego, CA
 Phone: 858-490-9015
 Fax: 858-490-9106

9/30/2004
Fall 2004 CME Conference
 New York State Society of Physician Assistants
 Crowne Plaza Hotel
 Albany, NY
 Phone: 856-423-7222
 Fax: 856-423-3420
exhibits@nysspa.org
www.nysspa.org

9/30/2004
19th Annual Conference of Prevention and Healing
 Advances in Skin and Wound Care
 Phoenix Civic Plaza
 Phoenix, AZ
 Phone: 1-800-346-7844 x7750

Home Study Wound Care Education Programs

Medical Center for Continuing Education, Inc.
 "Cost-Efficient Wound Management Strategies"
 Home Study Modules
 Contact Karen Kendall, PT, CWS:

MCCE
 P.O. Box 63
 Gulf Breeze, FL 32562
 Phone/Fax: 850-934-8223
mccekk@bellsouth.net

Online Wound Care Education Programs

www.apta.org/ceu/wound.ceu/wound-txt.htm
www.cmeonline.com
www.ceuonline.org

www.graphiced.com
www.illuminate.bigstep.com
www.ceuzone.com

www.NursingCenter.com
www.NursingCEU.com
www.diabetes.org

Welcome, Rian!



Hearing a new voice on the phone? Rian



Thomas joined the AAWM as our new Administrative Assistant on May 3, 2004.

Rian is a North Carolina native who graduated

from North Carolina State University.

Job Analysis Survey

Thank you to those CWSs that participated in the Job Analysis Survey in July. The survey is a study of the job tasks that are performed by those in the profession. The survey listed 142 tasks that may be performed at some time by a professional in the wound management field. The survey was sent to over 4,000 CWSs and other wound care professionals.

AAWM will take the responses from this survey and produce a Job Analysis Report. This report will verify the validity of the exam and insure that our current exam is testing the right information of our candidates.

AAWM Annual Business Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2004, Disney's Coronado Springs Hotel, Lake Buena Vista, Florida

- I. **Call to Order**
President Chuck Gokoo called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.
- II. **Roll Call of Certified Wound Specialists**
Roll was checked upon arrival and attendees were given the agenda at that time.
- III. **Acknowledgements**
Dr. Chuck Gokoo introduced the members of the Board of Directors that were present. Recognition was given to CWS® Gayle Lindsey for her role as Regional Committee Chair and acknowledging her work at the booth during the SAWC meeting.
- IV. **Bylaws Amendment Vote**
A vote was called to accept the proposed bylaws revisions for AAWM. The proposed changes were APPROVED with six opposed (one in person, five via mail ballot).
- V. **Old Business**
Attendees were informed of the Board's decision to open the CWS® examination to Canadian candidates starting in October 2004.
- VI. **New Business**
The issue of recertification was raised. Joe McCulloch outlined the proposed recertification process (a self-assessment examination) to the attendees.

There was also a brief discussion about whether the AAWM would develop a review course for its examination and if another entity would need to be formed to administer such a program. Gokoo informed the attendees that a committee of the board was currently researching this idea.
- VII. **Adjournment**
The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa T. Forburger
Executive Director

Upcoming Exam Dates

October 16, 2004
Materials due: 9/3/04

April 16, 2005
Materials due: 3/4/05

October 15, 2005
Materials due: 9/2/05

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