

Press Release:

24th Conference of the European Wound Management Association

X Simposio Nacional Sobre Úlceras por Presión y Heridas Crónicas



3,500 experts meet to talk about wounds

The largest international wound conference in Europe will be held in Madrid from 14th–16th May. The high scientific level of this interdisciplinary programme is expected to attract more than 3,500 participants.

“Never before have we seen such a great interest in our conference,” says Salla Seppänen, President of the European Wound Management Association (EWMA). When EWMA and the Spanish wound association, GNEAUPP, the conference host, open their doors to the 24th annual conference in Madrid this May, it will be the biggest in the history of EWMA conferences, continuing the trend of outdoing themselves year after year. More than 3,500 participants, 1,100 scientific presentations, and the largest exhibition ever with approximately 100 companies are expected.

The conference theme is ‘Innovation, Know-how, and Technology in Wound Care,’ and more than 1,000 scientific abstracts were submitted from around the world prior to the conference.

Putting wounds on the agenda and patients in the middle

In addition to the exchange of scientific and clinical knowledge, EWMA focuses on the organisation of wound care. Well-orchestrated interdisciplinary care has been proven to save patients from unnecessary and often harmful complications and inconveniences like amputation, pain and malodour, circumstances that can lead to social isolation and in the worst cases, death. At the same time, European health care systems can save millions of euros in their expense budgets with simple wound prevention measures.

As Salla Seppänen explains, “We are not looking to make wounds a topic of daily conversation, because that is not how it works in reality. Instead, we wish to attract attention to the challenges that acute and non-healing wounds are to patients and health care systems everywhere.”

Just recently, EWMA, a non-profit organisation that represents nurses, physicians and other health care professionals from all over Europe, played a central role as the European Parliament urged EU member states to implement multidisciplinary wound care and prevention of pressure ulcers.

“But, the attention we are working hard to get from decision makers has more sides to it than just making them aware of ourselves. On the bottom line, it is the patients who are suffering when they have a wound. It is important that they receive proper care and that we are able to help them also to help themselves in preventing them from getting a wound. If we can do that and at the same time work smarter, it benefits everyone, even the regular taxpayers who seldom see a physician or a nurse,” says the EWMA president.

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What:

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Theme:

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Time:

14th – 16th May 2014

Place:

IFEMA, Feria de Madrid
Avda. del Partenón, 5
28042 Madrid
España

About EWMA:

The European Wound Management Association (EWMA) is a European umbrella organisation linking wound management organisations, individuals, and groups with an interest in wound care. Central to EWMA's objectives is support of the implementation of high quality multidisciplinary and cost-effective wound care. EWMA works to reach its objectives by being an educational resource, organising conferences, contributing to international projects related to wound management, actively supporting the implementation of existing knowledge within wound management, and providing information on all aspects of wound management.

For more information: www.ewma.org

About GNEAUPP:

The GRUPO NACIONAL PARA EL ESTUDIO Y ASESORAMIENTO EN ULCERAS POR PRESIÓN Y HERIDAS CRÓNICAS – GNEAUPP is the leading institution in the field of wounds and pressure ulcers in Spain. GNEAUPP is an interdisciplinary independent scientific group founded in 1994 with more than 4,650 members.

For more information: www.gneaupp.es

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