



WOUND CARE CURRICULUM FOR PHYSICIANS APPROVED BY THE UEMS



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In Spring 2014, EWMA developed a curriculum for physicians involved in wound care, which aims to ensure that physicians have sufficient expertise to provide efficient and safe treatment of their patients. The curriculum was submitted for evaluation by the Dermatology Section of the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS) and was approved in April 2015.

BACKGROUND AND AIM OF THE INITIATIVE

Despite the fact that patients with chronic hard-to-heal wounds are a typical, almost daily, part of medical practice, they still constitute a specific challenge for the treating physician. Consequently, we believe that the essential aspects of this medical field should be familiar to all physicians, and in particular those who deal with wounds regularly as a result of their specialisation.

To optimise the treatment of patients with chronic wounds, physicians must select both therapy appropriate to the underlying aetiology and the correct local therapeutic measures. By developing the wound care curriculum presented here, EWMA aims to support development of these skills for physicians involved in wound management.

CONTENT OF THE CURRICULUM

The curriculum includes wound healing fundamentals as well as information on chronic wound pathogenesis, clinical assessment, and development of therapeutic concepts, wound prevention, and collaboration with other specialists, nurses, and health care providers treating this patient population. It also aims to recognise the value of interdisciplinary team work with regards to optimising treatment for all patients with wounds.



This key knowledge in the medical field of wound healing is suggested for inclusion in the broad post-graduate training for general practitioners, angiologists, diabetologists, dermatologists, general surgeons, plastic surgeons, geriatricians, and vascular surgeons. The curriculum's content can be tailored to the relevant post-graduate training programmes.

NEXT STEPS

EWMA is now seeking co-operation with the European scientific societies for medical specialities to establish wound healing courses based on the developed curriculum as joint activities between EWMA and training programmes. Our objective is to support the implementation of the curriculum in the post-graduate activities of relevant specialists.

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An EADV Fostering Specialist Course on wound care will be held 23-25 October 2015 in Zürich, Switzerland.

This course is based on the wound care curriculum developed by EWMA.

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