

# EWMA PILOT PROJECT: WOUND CENTRE ENDORSEMENTS



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*Professor Finn Gottrup discuss procedures of the wound centre with Dr. Wen, Head of the Beida Hospital wound healing centre, during his visit.*

During the period of April to September 2015, EWMA carried out an evaluation of the Wound Healing Centre of the Peking University First Hospital (also called Beida Hospital). This was done as part of an EWMA Wound Centre endorsement pilot project, which aimed to design and test a procedure for international wound centre endorsements. The overarching goal of this initiative is to support the continuing establishment of high quality wound centres that acknowledge the need for multidisciplinary teamwork and evidence-based management in wound care.

## DEVELOPMENT OF THE EWMA WOUND CENTRE ENDORSEMENT PROGRAMME

A working group including wound care experts with prior experience developing wound care centres in different European countries has defined a set of criteria as well as a procedure for wound centre endorsements. These criteria cover the centre's physical facilities, procedures and equipment available for diagnosis and treatment, organisation and staff, referral routes as well as research and educational activities. These criteria were tested in a pilot project that was focused on a wound centre based inside of a hos-

pital and including an in-patient ward. EWMA also plans to develop specific criteria for wound centres based outside of hospitals, as the health care services offered by these are not directly comparable with in-hospital based centres. EWMA may develop endorsement criteria for additional types of wound centres in the future

## PILOT ENDORSEMENT OF A CHINESE WOUND CENTRE

Finn Gottrup was responsible for evaluating the Wound Healing Centre of the Peking University First Hospital (Beida Hospital) based on the endorsement criteria described above. The Peking University wound centre was asked to describe their services by completing an endorsement application form, which was reviewed as part of the initial evaluation of the centre. In addition, the centre was asked to translate (into English) and forward excerpts of the clinical guidance documents that were currently in use by the centre. Based on this material, the wound centre was pre-approved for endorsement. A two day visit to the wound centre was arranged to perform the final evaluation. During this visit, Finn Gottrup followed the centre's patient pathways and pro-



Professor Finn Gottrup signs a provisional wound centre endorsement certificate, together with Dr. Wen, Head of the wound healing centre, and Dr. Wang Ping, Assistant Dean of Beida Hospital.

cedures, observed operational procedures, met the staff directly employed by the centre, evaluated the diagnostic, treatment and prophylaxis procedures used by the centre, and visited selected collaborating hospital departments.

This visit confirmed that the Wound Healing Centre of the Peking University First Hospital (Beida Hospital) is a modern wound healing centre with several state of the art resources available to clinicians and other centre personnel and with good procedures. Finn Gottrup granted the centre a provisional endorsement and is now evaluating whether full approval is warranted, with or without requested amendments to the centre's current structures and practices.

#### WHAT NEXT?

The EWMA now looks forward to evaluating the pilot endorsement and to further developing the strategy for future assessments of wound centres. It is hoped that this effort will lead to the establishment of an international collaboration that will facilitate the easy sharing of knowledge about the development and maintenance of high quality wound centres. These should offer access to a multidisciplinary team of health care professionals, have established clear referral routes, and base their wound management on evidence-based guidelines, to the extent to which these are available.

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