

EWMA – European Wound Management Association

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ABOUT EWMA

- The European Wound Management Association (EWMA) was founded in 1991, to promote the advancement of education and research into epidemiology, pathology, diagnosis, prevention and management of wounds of all aetiologies.
- EWMA works continuously to improve European wound patients' quality of life. We pursue identifying and advocating the highest quality of treatment available and its cost effectiveness from a multidisciplinary point of view.
- 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.



EWMA IN EUROPE

- EWMA is an umbrella organisation linking wound management associations across Europe and a multidisciplinary group of individuals and organisations interested in wound management.
- Currently, EWMA cooperates with 49 organisations based in 36 countries across Europe, representing more than 12.000 qualified health professionals.



EWMA Achievements

Some of EWMA's latest documents:

- Home Care-Wound Care - *Overview, Challenges and Perspectives*
- Managing wounds as a team – *Exploring the concept of a team approach to wound care*
- Outcomes in controlled and comparative studies on non-healing wounds – *Recommendations to improve the quality of evidence in wound management*

On-going & future projects

- Antimicrobial 2.0 – *Promoting Appropriate Use of Antimicrobials (Antibiotics and Non-Antibiotics) in Wound Care*. Free participation for sponsors of the first document
- Nordic Diabetic Foot Task Force



EWMA AND DIABETIC FOOT

- The Diabetic Foot (DF) is one of the focus of interest of EWMA, since it is one of the most complex and diffuse chronic ulcerative pathology in Europe.
- It has been calculated that due to DF one lower limb every 30 seconds is amputated in the world.
- Ulceration precede major amputation in 85% of the cases.
- In Europe more than 10 million people are affected by DF and half of them have an active ulceration, and this figure is bound to raise because of the increasing incidence of diabetes and its complication.
- The costs for the management of DF and related amputations in Europe is by far the most relevant among those related to diabetes.



EWMA - EU Advocacy

Innovation partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing (EIP on AHA)

- EMWA is participating in the working group on “integrated Care” B3

Joint action on Chronic Diseases

- New EU Commission high level project
- EWMA’s goal to be included in the partnership of this joint action

Patient Safety

- Followed the Joint Action on Patient Safety process
- EWMA report “Patient Safety including the prevention and control of healthcare associated infections” adopted by the European Parliament
- Patient safety key session and workshop during conference
- Patient perspective in opening session



EWMA's proposal for participation in CHRODIS-JA WP7

- Connect the WP7 coordinators and partners to relevant European and international key clinician stakeholders regarding prevention and treatment of diabetic foot ulcers;
- Identification of existing strategies to identify and treat high-risk patients, as well as information about cost effectiveness of prevention/treatment given the consequences of amputation/poor foot care;
- Description of good practices for prevention and treatment of diabetic foot ulcers, including the use of team-approach to prevention and treatment;
- Explore the potential for collaboration with other CHRODIS-JA Collaborating Partners working on diabetic complications.
- Contribute to achieving synergies with other work packages, in particular WP6 and WP4;
- Dissemination of results through EWMA Journal and webpage, and through a designated session at the annual EWMA Conference e.g. in the years 2016 (aim, process and status) and/or 2018 (results).
- Contribute to the design and implementation of future follow-up projects or other interventions originating from the CHRODIS-JA WP7.

