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# EWMA role and proposed best practices



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# European Wound Management Association



- Umbrella Organisation
- 52 cooperating organisations from 35 European countries
- Representing 25,000+ individual health care professionals
- Also collaborates internationally with 13 wound & health care organisations outside Europe



# EWMA makes a difference by...

- Being a multidisciplinary hub
- Linking wound management associations
- Creating evidence based clinical research
- Influencing policy making
- Providing expert knowledge
- Providing information, education tools, training courses and conferences
- Initiating and supporting data collection



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# Best practices: Wound care in a chronic disease perspective

To achieve better prevention and treatment of chronic wounds EWMA recommends the following best practices emerging from the area of wound care:

- Significantly improve the national implementation of existing guidelines for diabetic foot ulcers, pressure ulcers and leg ulceration;
- Significantly increase the establishment of multidisciplinary teams which offer a well-proven benefit for the treatment of many chronic diseases including wound care;
- Strengthen the knowledge level of health care professionals through cross-European approved curricula and training standards;
- Increase the participation in specialised training courses addressing complex chronic diseases;
- Be open towards exploration of new approaches such as eHealth services which offer innovative solutions to well-known problems;
- Cost saving strategies may just hide problems by moving them from one health care sector to another without actually offering a better treatment for the patient.



## Proposed EWMA contributions to the CHRODIS-JA

- Connect the CHRODIS consortium to key stakeholders for prevention and treatment of chronic wounds, in particular diabetic foot ulcers;
- Provide information about cost effectiveness of prevention / treatment and the consequences of amputation / poor foot care;
- Describe best practices for prevention and treatment of chronic wounds, in particular diabetic foot ulcers, including the use of a team-approach to prevention and treatment;
- Explore the potential for collaboration with other CHRODIS-JA collaborating partners working on diabetes complications.
- Contribute to achieving synergies with other work packages, in particular WP6 and WP4;
- Disseminate information and results through the EWMA Journal and website, 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 interventions originating from the CHRODIS-JA.

