

# Meet us at the EWMA 2023 Conference in Milan: wound care — from art to science



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Chronic wounds are a major public health challenge (Martinengo et al, 2019). In the European Wound Management Association (EWMA), we work to address this via implementation of interprofessional and cost-effective wound management of high quality. Our annual conference is a vehicle for reaching these goals internationally. Join us in Milan, Italy, between May 3–5, 2023!

We entitled this year's conference "Wound care — from art to science"; in honour of the the great Italian artist and scientist, Leonardo da Vinci, but also because the spectrum between art and science contains the story of wound management to the modern day. There was a time when wound care was more an art than a science, but thanks to contributions from many disciplines, wound healing is now solidly based on science and evidence. Treating and managing our patients is dependent on taking a holistic view — not only considering their specific wound but the whole individual. This requires skills and knowledge from many fields: medicine, engineering, physiology, psychology and patient care. Multidisciplinary approaches are key to improved treatment and care, as well as innovation.

The 33rd EWMA conference is organised together with The Nursing Association for the Study of Cutaneous Wounds (AISLeC) and in collaboration with the Italian Skin Ulcer Association (AIUC). The conference offers participants a scientific programme, including new topics, as well as previous popular EWMA conference sessions and workshops; for all the many different specialists who visits the conference. Learn from all the good experiences and the bad experiences, from the experts and from those who ask new questions; from all your colleagues across

the world. You may, for example, want to join the key sessions 'News in Revascularisation' or 'New Technologies in Tissue Replacement', learn about 'Leg Ulcer Diagnostics', 'Skin Tone Bias in Wound Care', or visit one of the many practical workshops on topics, such as patient screening, patient communication, offloading and debridement. The sessions and workshops generally cover epidemiology, pathology, diagnostics, prevention or management of wounds, but also dig into related topics, such as the use of artificial intelligence and telemedicine, and the advancement of education. Prior to the official conference programme, you can join a comprehensive masterclass in compression therapy.

Over 1,000 abstracts for free paper or poster presentations were accepted this year and it will be great to follow this sharing of knowledge and research from across the world. Last, but not least, we are looking forward to invite you into the large industry exhibition where you can meet various companies within wound care and learn about their products.

The conference will host a total of 11 parallel room sessions offered in both English and Italian; thus, offering Italian and international participants plenty of sessions to choose from.

The conference is open to all healthcare professionals and industry that are active in preventing, managing, or treating wounds.

You can learn more about the conference and the programme at: <https://ewma.org/ewma-conferences/2023>

I welcome all to EWMA 2023 in Milan!

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