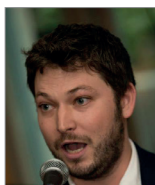


We are stronger together



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By the time you read this, the World Union of Wound Healing Societies (WUWHS) hybrid congress will finally have begun after what seems like an eternity. The pandemic may have stopped the world in its tracks but the wonders of modern medical science were plain to see in the vaccine rollout and there are high hopes that the unprecedented drive to control Covid-19 may hold the key to helping treat other diseases. “The lessons that have been learned – and the new norms that have solidified – will change medical science forever”, Mattha Busby wrote in February 2022 (Busby, 2022).

The opportunities afforded by increased awareness, knowledge and understanding of wound care can be equally transformative. We have much to learn from others in the world. That is why I am proud to say that this aspiration remains at the core of what we do at *Wounds International*. We share the central principles of the WUWHS, namely:

- to improve patient-centred care by encouraging global cooperation in wound healing clinical practice, education, research and delivery of wound care
- to encourage research into all aspects of wound healing by developing global cooperation between wound healing societies, governments, health agencies, and industries
- to enhance education in wound healing by developing policy, programs, and initiatives that can be used or adapted for use worldwide
- to represent the scientific community of wound healing in commissions and in international health organizations
- to improve the clinical practice, delivery of treatment and outcomes in wound treatment by developing global policy and protocol.

Wounds International continues to foster a truly global approach to education, research and the sharing of best practice to achieve optimal outcomes for patients with acute and chronic wounds. As the president elect of WUWHS, Gulnaz Tariq Mir, explained in her editorial for our sister publication *Wounds Middle East* ahead of the postponed conference in 2020 (Tariq Mir, 2020), we’ve produced some top-quality work

in conjunction with the WUWHS with the aim of raise and maintain the standard of the medical practice of wound care and improve its practice.

She said: “The educational outputs don’t just stop with the Congress. In collaboration with Wounds International, we have produced a range of WUWHS 2020 Consensus and Best Practice documents that you can collect at the Congress and they can also be shared electronically with your colleagues to magnify and extend the reach of the WUWHS.”

The WUWHS 2022 Consensus and Best Practice documents that were originally prepared for 2020 have been produced with input from the leading experts in their respective fields and will help guide practice via a thorough review of the latest scientific research and innovative technologies. The documents produced by the WUWHS and *Wounds International* are free and easy to access at www.woundsinternational.com and intended to support practice and make the day-to-day challenges of wound management easier.

The best way to tackle the scourge of wounds is to continue sharing best practice and learning from one another. At a time when some seek to divide, which we see most starkly and tragically in the form of Vladimir Putin’s invasion of Ukraine, a future that fosters the merits of cooperation is the only way forward. We are stronger together.

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