



WOUNDS 2020

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THE WOUNDS AUSTRALIA NATIONAL CONFERENCE
Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre
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WOUNDS 2020 CONFERENCE ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Wounds Australia invites you to submit an abstract for their upcoming National Conference in 2020. This event will be held in Brisbane on 4 to 7 November 2020.

The goal of the Wounds Australia 2020 conference is to present informative scientific research alongside case studies and research posters addressing all areas of wound care. Abstract submissions are welcome from all researchers and clinicians. Please review the guidelines below to ensure your submission is eligible for consideration

All submissions must be received online through our [submission portal](#). Emailed submissions will not be accepted.

PRESENTATION TYPES

Submissions are open for the following Presentation Types:

- A **Research oral** presentation will be for **12 minutes** with an **additional 2 minutes** for questions
- A **Case study** oral presentation will be for **7 minutes** with **no time** for questions
- A **Poster presentation**: posters will be on display for the duration of the conference (Submit using the appropriate research or case study template).

CONFERENCE TOPICS

The Scientific Committee are looking for submissions that address any of the below conference topics.

Aging	Infection/biofilm
Alternative Therapies	Innovation & practice
Bariatric care	Lower limb wounds
Basic wound care science	Mechanisms of wound healing
Bench to bedside – translation of research	Models of practice
Care by GPs/Practice Nurses	Pain
Care in acute settings	Palliative care
Care in residential settings	Pressure Injury
Care in the home and community settings	Psychological impact
Diagnostic test development	Skin integrity
Health policy and health economics	Unique/diverse patient populations
High risk foot	Wound bed preparation



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ABSTRACT FORMAT AND SUBMISSION TEMPLATES

All submissions must be submitted online using the official Wounds 2020 Conference templates. **Please note that non-compliant abstracts will be rejected.**

Abstracts must follow the below parameters:

- Title (should adequately convey the content of the abstract)
- Description of the project (e.g., background, methods, results and conclusions)
- Short list of references (**optional**)
- Author and affiliation details, or any other identifying information, must not appear in the uploaded submission
- Word count does not include the submission title or references
- Do not include images or tables
- Proprietary product (trade) names must not be used; only generic names of products are acceptable. Do not use abbreviations or acronyms.

Research abstract submission (Oral or Poster)

Succinct descriptions of the clinical or laboratory research objective(s), study methods, results and conclusions must be presented in a clear and logical manner (see example below). Suggested headings for abstract sections are:

- Objectives
- Methods
- Results
- Conclusions
- References (optional)

The research presentation template can be [downloaded here](#).

Case study abstract submission (Oral or Poster)

Succinct descriptions of the situation(s) encountered, plan of action implemented, materials or technology used, outcomes achieved and/or lessons learned must be presented in a clear and logical manner (see example below). Suggested headings for abstract sections include:

- Situation
- Action(s) taken/treatment(s) provided
- Outcome(s)
- Lesson(s) learned

The case study presentation template can be [downloaded here](#).

Wounds Australia New Investigator Award

The New Investigator Award is a biennial prize awarded by Wounds Australia for the best oral presentation of a research project at the Wounds Australia National Conference. To be eligible the presenting author must:

- Have been engaged in changing wound practice or conducting research for less than 2 years (at the time of the conference).
- Be original research
- The author has not been previously published.



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SUBMISSION TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Submitting author hereby commits to the [data protection and privacy policy](#).
- Submitting authors must ensure that they receive written agreement from all co-authors prior to submitting the abstract online
- All accepted presenters are required to register, pay and attend to present their material at the Wounds 2020 Conference. No funding is provided to presenters.
- Presenters of accepted abstracts have been asked to provide consent during the submission process for Wounds Australia to use presentation slides (for oral presenters), video, audio recording and photos taken during the oral presentation/poster presentation. If permission is granted, these materials will be used and published by Wounds 2020 including being provided to delegates of the Wounds 2020 conference, published in the Conference Proceedings Handbook, and Wounds Australia reserves the right to re-print the abstracts in its journal, *Wound Practice & Research*.
- Submitting authors must declare the work described in the abstract has appropriate approval under local, ethical and animal experimentation rules
- Submitting authors must declare that their work does not conflict with any existing copyright agreements with alternate publishers

If you have any concerns regarding these terms and conditions, please contact the conference secretariat at info@wounds2020.com.au.

KEY DATES

Abstract submissions open	18 November 2019
Abstract submission deadline	20 March 2020
Author notifications	May 2020
Early bird registration deadline	31 August 2020

CONTACT US

If you have any questions about your submission or the conference as a whole, please feel free to contact us on info@wounds2020.com.au or +61 7 3858 5400.



Sample abstract: Research (oral or poster) presentation*

(Title, max 15 words)

A pressure ulcer prevention education programme for older persons at risk of pressure ulceration: “iPUPP”.

(Abstract body, max 250 words)

Objectives

The aim of the study is to explore the impact of the Pressure Ulcer Prevention Programme (iPUPP), a structured, pressure injury prevention, education programme based on the SSKIN principles [1]. A secondary objective is to determine the impact of the programme on pressure injury incidence.

Methods

A multi-centre, randomised controlled trial, will be employed to determine skin sub-epidermal moisture and integrity before and after the intervention. The sample will be selected from at risk older adults living in the community. The iPUPP programme will consist of 5 sessions delivered to patients via a multimedia programme every 5 days over 20 days. A Visual Skin Assessment (VSA) and Sub-Epidermal Moisture measurement (SEM) was used to objectively measure skin integrity at the sacrum.

Results

Participant's (n=300) randomised to the intervention group had lower average SEM scores of 54.2 ($SD=5.3$) compared to the usual care group [67.8 ($SD=10.3$)]; a difference that was statistically significant [$F(2, 298)=.537, p=0.004$]. Although there were fewer instances of skin damage detected in the intervention group, the difference was not statistically significant ($\chi^2(3)=1.175, p=.08$).

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Conclusions

This research indicates that the iPUPP education was effective at reducing sub-epidermal hydration at the sacrum, however, no difference in pressure injuries was ultimately determined. It is recommended that future research is pursued with larger samples targeting individuals at high risk of pressure injury to further evaluate the iPUPP education.

References

1. NHS Improvement. Using SSKIN to manage and prevent pressure damage. Available at: <https://improvement.nhs.uk/resources/Using-SSKIN-to-manage-and-prevent-pressure-damage/>

*NB: fictitious example.



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Sample abstract: Case Study (oral or poster) presentation*

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Prompt first aid and advanced dressings in emergency burn wound protocols

(Abstract body, max 250 words)

Situation

During a bonfire get-together, the patient attempted to push several logs into the blaze, at which point he burned both of his hands.

Action(s) taken/ treatment provided

Before taking the patient to hospital, his friends immediately treated the burns by running cool water over them for several minutes. At the time of Emergency Department admission, the patient had superficial burns to his right hand and a partial thickness burn on his left palm. The patient's hands were thoroughly cleansed to remove any foreign bodies and potentially infective organisms. Both wounds were dressed with advanced antimicrobial dressings due to the high risk of infection. Dressings were changed third daily using a foam as a secondary dressing to the left palm due to high wound exudate.

Outcome(s)

Despite the use of antimicrobial dressings the patient developed a local staphylococcal infection in the left hand that was treated with 5 days of oral antibiotics. Both burns were fully epithelialized within 14 days.

Lesson(s) learned

Prompt first aid followed by use of both local and systemic antibiotic therapy were effective treatments for the burns for this patient and align with emergency burn wound protocols and moist wound healing principles.

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