



Press Announcement

The 18th EWMA Conference, May 14-16 2008, Lisbon, Portugal

With the increasing amount of elderly people in Europe, chronic wound healing and management is calling for an increasing level of awareness from health care officials and politicians. Even though the importance of the area has been widely recognized across Europe, there is still much to be done in order to increase the understanding of the impact that chronic wounds have on the lives of the affected individuals and the societal costs.

Each year the European Wound Management Association (EWMA) undertakes one major conference in different countries around Europe. Here, health professionals from all over the world get together to discuss their research and the latest developments in wound management. This year, the conference is held in Lisbon, Portugal.

The 18th EWMA conference is organised in close cooperation between EWMA and the two Portuguese wound management associations, GAIF (Grupo Associativo de Investigação em Feridas) and APTferidas (Associação Portuguesa de Tratamento de Feridas).

The theme of the EWMA 2008 conference in Lisbon is *Wound Management · Wound Healing – Responsibility and Actions*. Within wound treatment, it is an ongoing challenge to define how to arrive at a decision to secure the best possible treatment for the patient.

More than 600 presentations in key sessions, free paper sessions, workshops and symposia will be given, making it the largest event within wound healing in Europe in 2008. Nearly 2000 participants from 58 countries are expected in Lisbon, 400 of these from Portugal

The topics include:

- o Share of responsibility between doctors and nurses working with wound care.
- o The high cost of wound care throughout Europe
- o How to prevent pressure ulcers developing in hospitals and home care settings
- o How to reduce the number of amputations for patients suffering from diabetic foot ulcers?
- o Best practice education of staff and structure of treatment

You can find more information about:

- o EWMA at www.ewma.org
- o EWMA 2008 conference at www.ewma.org/ewma2008
- o APTF at www.aptferidas.com
- o GAIF at www.gaif.net

For further information, please contact the EWMA Business Office at ewma@ewma.org or tel. +45 70 20 03 05.

We will be very pleased to establish a contact between you and any of the speakers or representatives of the organisations, or forward more background material about a specific subject.

Kind regards

Prof. Marco Romanelli
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Press Meeting
Wednesday 14 May 2008, 16.00-17.00 in Sala 1.09

Conference venue:
Lisbon Congress Centre (Centro de Congressos de Lisboa), Praça das Indústrias, 1300-307 Lisbon, Portugal