



AISLeC
Italian
Nurse Association
for the Study of
Cutaneous Wounds

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In 1993, AISLeC, **Associazione Infermieristica per lo Studio delle Lesioni Cutanee** – (Nursing Association for the Study of Skin Wounds) was established by a number of nurses as an apolitical and non-profit organization. In 1998, representation of the allied health disciplines in the association occurred. There are approximately 3,000 members from the disciplines of nursing, medicine, pharmacy, podiatry, medicine, physical therapy, nutritional science and other professional groups such as health workers etc. AISLeC is recognized among professionals and institutions as a Scientific Society focused on the area of wound care. Since its foundation the Association is committed to promoting and improving the quality of care to patients with wounds through clinical practice, education, and research initiatives.

AISLeC addresses these objectives by:

- **Basic Training:** AISLeC develops regular courses to promote knowledge of health care professionals in assessment, prevention, and treatment of acute & chronic wounds
- **Advanced Training:** since 2000, a postgraduate wound healing course has been taking place under the auspices of the Università degli Studi "Bicocca" (University "Bicocca") in Monza (Milan). AISLeC also participates in other postgraduate wound healing courses in Naples, Modena, Florence and Genoa.
- **Establishing a Scientific Committee** that is responsible for: (a) regular updating of the AISLeC library concerning wound care issues, by scanning of the relevant literature; (b) publication of in-depth articles to provide evidence-based information, (c) translation in Italian of original documents (such as clinical guidelines etc) in order to disseminate information/knowledge about best practices.

- An active web -site that provides information, resources and several important links with other wound management interest groups. It may be accessed on www.aislec.it
- Facilitating and developing research that will enhance the quality of wound management strategies. (These have been recognized as authoritative sources of evidence; and one, has been selected within a review by the Cochrane Collaboration).
- Establishing a network of nurses (Regional Delegates) with expertise in wound management in order to: (a) share ideas and experiences enhancing consistency and coordination of wound care across the Italian health care continuum; (b) increase growth and participation of AISLeC members
- Consultation toward organizations, associations and public or private institutions.
- Stakeholder in the development of national and international guidelines

It is well-known that chronic wounds are a considerable burden on patients, carers and the National Healthcare System. Attention that goes beyond the simple management of the wound is required to give optimum healing. Concentration on research and evidence-based practice, updating and professional growth, ongoing improvement of communication among healthcare workers, administrators, and caregivers enable a holistic approach to the person with a wound. AISLeC has oriented its policy towards improvement of quality of care, attention to the patients/clients' needs, and promotion of innovative approaches to the world of the Wound Care. AISLeC is non partisan in its approach to companies and products.