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In brief about the symposium “Ulcus Cruris” organized by CWA

The Croatian Wound association (CWA or HUR) organized its second Symposium since it becomes a member of EWMA in 2007. It was a symposium with international participation called “Ulcus cruris”. It took place in the beautiful city, Primošten, on the Adriatic coast from 11-14 th November. The proceedings of the symposium were published as a supplement of the indexed journal, *Acta Medica Croatica*.

The symposium attended about 200 physicians of various specialties, nurses, medical technicians from Croatia, Bosnia and Hercegovina and Slovenia, and representatives of medical product producers which also particularly sponsored the whole event. The target lectures were given by invited twenty-five guest speakers – the experts for wound of various specialties from Croatia, Bosnia and Hercegovina, Slovenia and Sweden. We have to single out our special guest and lecturers, EWMA representative Mrs. *Cristina Lindholm*, Rn PhD from Stockholm, and Mr. *Ciril Triler*, MD, vice president of the Slovenian Wound Management Association (WMAS) from Ljubljana. So we had the opportunity to listen a lot of good, interesting and useful lectures directly from experts.

The aim of all those lectures and finally of this Symposium was to consolidate all the knowledge we have about lower leg ulcer, its etiology, development of the pathophysiological process, disorders of healing, complex treatment, necessary modern wound care and finally preventive procedures which demand a holistic- teamwork approach to the patient. The Symposium began with the opening word from the President of CWA, *Nastja Kučičec-Tepes*, MD, PhD. The opening ended with cocktail and refreshments accompanied by beautiful Dalmatian music.

Next two days mornings were reserved for lectures which elaborated all aspect of leg ulcers, and afternoons were reserved for workshops which were especially interesting and useful because of their practical part in which all the attenders could participate. During the workshops participants got acquainted with theoretical and practical knowledge about debridement, compressive therapy, supportive dressings, atypical wounds, vein plethysmography and problems and organization wound care in primary medical care. ▶



Jasna Lipozenčič, MD PhD



Participants



Debridement workshop

In the end of Symposium *Dubravko Huljev*, MD, vice president of CWA, talked about holistic approach to patients with leg ulcers problems, and gave a sectional view of problems in Croatia and some of possible solutions and needed. The Symposium was closed with conclusion that the outcome of treatment of chronic wound, including lower leg ulcers, depends on the teamwork of physician and nurses of various specialitis and of alteration of their knowledge and experience. Subsequently the referrals for treatment of chronic leg ulcers will be given to all participants.

After all lectors and workshop we had a little questionnaire about Symposium and results of opinions were that all participants thought that all aspects and problems of leg ulcers were analyzed, 90% of participants assumed that Symposium attained an objective, and 86% of them graduated Symposium as excellent respectively very good.

So we hope that our cooperation will proceed and we invite you to come to Croatia next year on our third Symposium which will be about diabetic foot.

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