

APRIL NEWSLETTER



**National Wound Care
Strategy Programme**

The National Wound Care Strategy Programme has been commissioned by NHS England to develop recommendations to support the prevention and care of pressure ulcers, lower limb ulcers and surgical wounds. People with wounds, carers, suppliers and health and care professionals can stay up to date with our April newsletter.

WOUND CARE CASE STUDY SESSIONS

We are pleased to announce that two new case studies are now live on the E-learning for Health (ElfH) hub.

The case studies introduce Haroon and Ethel and aim to enable the participant to interpret the results of diagnostic investigations into their conditions and use these investigations to formulate a diagnosis.

These case studies will be useful for reflective learning and for use in teaching.

LOWER LIMB RECOMMENDATIONS SUITE

The lower limb recommendations for leg ulcer and foot ulcer care are being updated following consultations. Thank you everyone who has been involved and contributed to this update. The recommendations will be launched in the coming months following revision, with a webinar to support. Keep checking our website for details.



COMPRESSION RESOURCE NOW AVAILABLE IN DIFFERENT LANGUAGES

The National Wound Care Strategy Programme, Transforming Wound Care and Patient Experience Network have worked together to translate the NWCSP compression resource for patients and carers into some of the most spoken languages in England and Wales.

The resource, produced with funding from Eastern AHSN, provides compression guidance for people with venous leg ulcers and is now available on the NWCSP website in English, Polish, Punjabi, Urdu, Bengali, Gujarati, Arabic, Romanian, Portuguese and Spanish.



PRESSURE ULCER DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS AND CLINICAL PATHWAY CONSULTATION (CLOSES 23RD APRIL)

We would welcome feedback from stakeholders to further improve our draft clinical recommendations and draft clinical pathway for the prevention of pressure ulcers and management of patients that develop pressure ulcers.

Alongside a Best Practice Bundle (which is currently under development in partnership with the NHS England Nursing Directorate and Patient Safety Team) and supported by an implementation package based on improvement methodology, this work aims to reduce pressure ulcers and the harm associated with them, improve patient outcomes and experiences of care.

To share your views, please complete our [online survey](#) (which now closes 6pm on the 23rd of April).

SURGICAL WOUND COMPLICATIONS WEBINAR (19TH APRIL 10-11AM)

Our new NWCSP webinar will focus on the Surgical Wound Complications work.

During the event, Workstream Lead Jacky Edwards will give an overview of the work to date and the plans for future projects – including the reasons for focusing on surgical wound complications.

To join this event, please register through the [NWCSP website](#):

REFERRALS TO VASCULAR SERVICES

The National Wound Care Strategy Programme has made changes to its venous referral form to make timely referrals to vascular services even easier!

Created with The Royal College of Surgeons and The Vascular Society, the vascular referral forms are designed to support clinicians responsible for making vascular referrals outside hospital settings (and can be adapted for local use). Two forms are available to help with referrals for venous disease and peripheral arterial disease/Chronic limb threatening ischaemia. The vascular referral forms are available on the [NWCSP website](#).

VISIT US AT THE SOCIETY OF TISSUE VIABILITY 2023 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

This year, the NWCSP team will be exhibiting at the Society of Tissue Viability's annual conference in Peterborough with members of the programme team joining the [keynote speakers](#) for the event.

Come and visit us on Stand 7!

SUSTAINABILITY WEBINAR (10TH MAY 10-11AM)

Join us on the 10th of May for a webinar that will look at the potential benefits for sustainability from implementing the NWCSP recommendations.

Supply and Distribution Workstream Lead, Nicky Morton will explore the environmental impact of wound management and consider how the work of the NWCSP may play a part in achieving the NHS aim for an 80% reduction in carbon emissions by 2028-32.

To join this event, please register through the [NWCSP website](#).



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