

Note from Executive Director



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With the holidays behind us and the new year here, I have to ask myself, "What happened to 2014?" It passed by so quickly, and what a year it has been! In 2014 we welcomed 1,835 additional certified clinicians to the "family." It's exciting to see the number of clinicians who are advancing their knowledge so that they can become the best wound care providers they can be. With this continued growth in certified clinicians, wound patients can expect to receive the best of care.

The National Alliance of Wound Care and Ostomy (NAWCO) board members have also voiced their excitement over the continued growth and interest in certification in wound care. The board works hard throughout the year to promote and establish guidelines and standards of excellence for certification and recertification in wound care.

Some of you may not know about the board or may not be familiar with its members. NAWCO is a nonprofit organization governed by a volunteer board of directors. Because the board has a vital role in NAWCO, I'd like to tell you more about what it does and discuss its goals and its members.

In this issue, I'll explain the board's selection process, share mission and goals, and provide the list of members.

Selection process

Below is the board selection process.

• NAWCO staff and existing board members identify prospective board members—individuals who have demonstrated leadership and commitment to values shared by NAWCO.



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- The prospective member is invited to attend a board meeting.
- If the board agrees to move forward, each member interviews the candidate. If approved, the individual's name is placed on the slate for election by the membership.
- Once elected, a member serves a term of 3 years. The member may serve up to a maximum of five consecutive terms, pending board approval for term renewal.

Mission

NAWCO is dedicated to the advancement and promotion of excellence in the delivery of wound care to the consumer through its credentialing of practitioners who have demonstrated proficiency in wound care, through its encouragement of licensed healthcare professionals to specialize in the practice of skin and wound management, and through its promotion of the recognition of skin and wound care as an essential component of the healthcare system.

Goals

Goals of the board include the following:

- promote continued education to all who are certified
- promote and support educational programs for consumers and healthcare providers
- promote excellence in wound care by working with national healthcare organizations in the promotion of wound care education and quality assurance programs.

Board members

• Debbie Dvorachek—president

- Kathryn Pieper-vice president
- Cheryl Robillard—secretary/treasurer
- Carol Krueger—board member
- Ottamissiah Moore—board member
- Rosalyn Jordan-board member
- Andrew Joiner—board member
- Clive Horrocks—board member
- Michael Richardson—board member

I have spoken at length with all the

board members and can attest to the fact that their focus is on the certified clinicians who work to better themselves not only personally but professionally, and on the patients who receive care from these credentialed clinicians.

We want you to get to know your board. Learn about each one of these talented, devoted board members in upcoming issues of *Wound Care Advisor*.

New certificants

Below are WCC, DWC, and OMS certificants who were certified from October to November 2014.

Verna Abacan Sandra Marie Abayari-Evaristo Robyn Achmann Roxanne Acosta Jane Afremova Samuel Aguado Laura Alaniz Heidi Albor Tracy Alexander Frances Alfaro Cynthia Allen Jeanette Allen Jean Allen Ann Altier **Emily Altman** Amanda Amaro Shannon Anderson Lee Anton Justina Anyanwu Zachary Aoga Jhoanna Krista Arao Karen Armao Fazila Aslam. MD Mary Baker

Kelli Ballard Cheryl Barnes Larisa Barskaya Mary Bartolome Nadia Saliha Belkadi Marjorie Bell Jenna Beltramini Marissa Benavente Donna Benedict Sherry Benefield Kejda Benz Melinda Berry Nicole Bettin Susan Biehler Bonnie Birmingham Sandra Bjornstad Viola Blankenship Kiley Bogart **Emily Bonisteel** Rebecca Bono Amber Boring Benjamin Boucher Sherry Brantley Gale Brewer Beth Bright

Angela Brown Catherine Bruce Betsy Bruemmer Sharilyn Buckman Frederick Buescher II Deborah Burchfield Suzanne Burdick Stephanie Burres Margaret Butler Kerry Byrnes, MD Deborah Carey Jennifer Carrier-Masse Martha Carson Rosalia Casapa Colleen Chamberlin Cherryl Chambers Naziya Charaniya Christine Chen Julie Chhea Sunyoung Cho Miranda Christen Karen Christmas Kristi Clark Terri Clark Nickol Cleary Paula Combs Betsy Conchar Wenjane Conche Megan Connell James Corbett

Victoria Correll Margaret Corso Brenda Couture Susanne Cox Ronnel Cruz Ian Cummins Traci Curran Olakunbi Dada Ashley D'Agostino Christine Daniels Jennifer Daponte Sherrell Davis Suzanne Davis Angela Davis Reynaldo De La Torre Kayce DeBakey Brenda DeBell Chansamone Dee Kassi Deese Kenneth Dehn Cristina Delos Santos Amy DelPozzo Heather Denney Amy Dennis Cathy Dennis Tamara Dent-Jackson Lynn Devlin Sarah Devorss Oralia Diaz

Laura Dickinson Guadalupe Dill Andrew Ditto, MD Anne Dittus Glenn Dobson Maria Dorado Shirley Drake Vicki Drexler Tina Drummond Carol Dupoux Robert Dyer Elizabeth Earley Stephanie Edwards Mona El-Sherif Katherine Emborsky Beth Emery Wendy Engel Deborah England Kimberly Ewell Linda Farr Brett Ferrell Justine Fine Jessica Fleming Lisa Fliehr Diane Flower Deborah Foy Sara Frank Shirley Frazier Stacy Freitag Deborah Fritts Sandra Fruhwirth Katrina Fulmer Theresa Furlong Kelly Gabel, DO Thomas Gagliano Louis Gallo Rita Garcia Brittany Gardner Gretchen Garrett Lisa Garza Tanya Gately Donna George Sharon George

Christine Gerhart **Richard Giguere** Gail Gill Suzanne Gilleran Dorit Gilman Poloma Gonsalves Shana Gonzales Meredith Goodwin Paula Grav Shannon Greek Kimberly Griffin Andrew Grubbs, MD Urszula Grzelecki Kylee Gustafson Russell Haas Latina Hada Cheryl Hadley Mindy Hahn Brian Halloran, MD Kathryn Hammonds Susan Hamrick Diane Hannon Christine Hansen Summer Hare Julie Harris Mallinda Harris Hampton Jeffrey Hawks Theresa Healy Amanda Hedge Shauna Henson Jennifer Herkel Christina Hermsen Max Herrell Ii Rebecca Herter Tausha Higgins Kathleen Hilakos Suginda Hill Stacy Hinson-Austin Joann Hoff Lisa Hogenmiller Pottgeiser Sarah Holder

Marianne Holmes Julie Hone Lori Honeyman Christine Hong Donna Hooper Paula Horn Rose Hornbaker Jessica Howard Rory Howard, MD Michele Hudon Lilian Huerta Veronica Hughes Dawn Hunt Patricia Hunter Hanling Huo Anne Hussong Michelle Jaeckels Kalonji Jahi Lindsey James Robyn Janda Venessa Jicha Rebecca Jimenez Cathy Johnson Mary Johnson Carmen Johnston McGallis Lisa Jones Amanda Jones Tiffany Jordan Mari Joy James Juliano Meghan Kaphing Ianet Karro Brian Katz Maninder Kaur Kamaljeet Kaur Debra Keefer Elizabeth Kegg Lisabeth Keith Sarah Kelton Melissa Khoo Stacey Kidder Charles King

Kellie King Santeia Kinnon Craig Knifley Maureen Knights Siew Koay Minori Korn Tina Koss Margaret Kreiter Roxane Krivitski Victoria Kushnir Yelena Kuznetsov Lindsay Labounty Chasity Lade Barbara Laman Deborah Lambert Kristi Laney Bethani Lanham Rebecca LaPorte Mary Lariosa Diane LaRock Kurt Lassig Lissette LeBron Stephanie Lee Brenda Lemmon Jonathan Leong, MD Edward Leu Madele Limpahan Amy Locke Michele Long Janet Long Maria Riza Lopez Amber Lords Denise Lunstroth Ariel Lusby **Disney Macias** Nicholas Madison Anissa Madru Robyn Magaw Whitney Main Cynthia Malin Raphael Manalo Patricia Manchester Patricia Mangano

Cecilia Mangosing Christopher Mannari Adrienne Manzo Jennifer Marcellino Irene Markman Lisa Martin Michelle Martin Carolyn Martin Meylin Martinez Quinones Justyna Maslowski Debra Mason Carrie Materniak Alice Matev Kelly Mattila Myrtie Maupin Zacharias Mavrophilipos, MD Susie Mayo Teresa McClain Christopher McCollum Sharla McComas Mary McDonough Maria McElvaney Shannon McGinn Jennifer Mckeown Josette McNeill Karla McNish, MD Daniel Mehari Jose Roberto Melendres Carlos Mena Michelle Merandi Gloria Merideth Ma Rosario Mertola Monica Metri Christina Midiri Kelly Mike Megaen Mikell Blondena Miley Christian Miller Tara Miller

Laura Miller Joy Mitchell Amy Mitchum Megan Mobley Jennifer Moody Linda Moore Danielle Moran-Tanguay Michelle Morse Sondra Moseley Donald Moser Iulia Moses Kari Mracek Tawna Mulcahy Doris Muriithi Collin Murphy Marla Naumchik Shelley Neeleman Tran Nghiem Beverly Niebuhr Katie Nolan Cathryn Norman April Nowland Linee Nulf Lourdes Nunez Dianne Nunez Jennifer Nussbaum Olusesan Obasanya Denise O'Donnell Constance O'Donnell Christy O'Kane Melva Oller Dawn Olson Nanette O'Neill Harriet Onyeachu Ashley Oubre Michael Owen Lowanda Owens Socorro Paguirigan Kristin Parell Linda Parker Amy Paselk Bettina Paul

Suzanne Paumen Jaime Perillo Patrice Perry Karshira Peshlakai Landon Pettit John Peyton Jr. Deborah Pferrman Tina Phillips Christine Piancone-Wolfe Prasad Pilli, MD Mohammad Pirzadah MD Mary Ann Pitman **Delacey** Pitts Christy Pohero Brittany Pothier Julia Power **Kimberly Primiano** Casey Pritchard Matthew Quetot Patricia Ragan Annie Rajan Kristin Ramondetta Angela Ramsay Rita Raymaker Charlie Rencher Jr. Lisa Retallick Amber Reynolds Danielle Rheault Rebecca Rhodes Tara Richter Wendy Ripley Maria Rivera Marta Rivera, MD Lindsay Roberts Michael Robinson, MD Yecenia Rodriguez Gonzalez Samantha Rollins Sheila Ronan Michelle Rooney

Crystal Roque Robert Rossi Loreen Roux Nicole Royston Jennifer Ruble-Guise Ann Rudd Annalisa Saiz Ela Salud Jeliza Santos Jennifer Sayas Abigail Schannep Briana Schiller **Kimberly Schipper** Rebecca Schmidt Kellee Schmitt Dana Sears Marcia Seefeldt Heather Sevigny Melissa Shanmugam Linda Sheley Kristin Shields Vicki Shilts Julie Shurtleff Barbara Simmons Deborah Sloan Kathy Small Kayla Smith Megan Smith Michelle Snyder Barbara Sobczyk Cheryl Spak Amy Sparks Phyllis Speir Sylvia Springer-Fahie Nieasha Stafford Dawna Stebbins Mary Steele Michele Steighner Mascetta Beth Stevenson Pamela Stevens-Reitz Octavia Struve Melissa Stuparits

Dolores Suarez Jennifer Suggs Shawn Sumney Jennifer Taylor Andrea Tekip Kim Tekut Autumn Theoclis Autumn Thomas Beverly Thorpe Kathlene Tiegs Lalah Tolleson Christine Tondi Carla Tridente John Tuitele Janice Tuitt Marion Tully Elizabeth Turchi Kelly Turner Jennifer Ty-DeGuzman Stephen Tynan Alexis Urzua Vanessa Valdez Michael Valerio Kristian Van Wormer Desiree Vasile Elizabeth Vazquez Renee Velez Trina Vidrine Benilda Villasan-Escobar Tobin Wagoner Michael Waldron Sanyu Walker Amirah Walker Amanda Ward Paula Watson Emily Webb Elizabeth Wehnert Anita Wells Patricia White Heidi White Stacey Whitehead

Stephen Wikert Angela Wilkins Natalie Wilkinson Dawne Wilkinson Chamberlayne Leota Wilkinson-Burch Nadia Williams Anietie Williams Linda Wines Erin Wisian Theresa Wood Jeanette Workman-Cosentino Kendra Wright Alicia Wyatt Delrose Ximines Yi Yang Wentao Yang Michelle Yankowski Alice Yu Xiaoxia Yu Lindsey Yuen Melissa Zaba Carla Zahradka

Recertified certificants

Below are WCC, DWC, and OMS certificants who were recertified from October to November 2014.

Jeanette Ackland Donna Amato Peter Aucoin Amy Bala Debra Barnhardt Jennifer Baugh Robert Baxt, MD

Maria Bemben-Kalawa Lisa Bena Wayne Bernard Kimberly Berry Deborah Bezdek Sondra Boehm Yvonne Boozer Brenda Brandl Theresa Brooks Linda Browne-Dicette Kisstina Bush Cvnthia Caldwell Luigi Capobianco, MD Jerelyn Carpenter Larpie Castro Jean Christopher Jennifer Condren Pamela Connor Kenneth Costa Sandi Crawford Lynne Cunningham Mikel Daniels, DPM Wendy DaSalla Sirner Dhaliwal Melanie Dominguez Sonva Dunbar Brandi Eckert Holly Edwards Rebecca Edwards Paula Edwards Espinosa Nancy Estep

Sherwin Estrella Gia Falbo Maria Faner Cynthia Farley Peter Ferraro Teri Fisher Janet Fiuza Brittany Freeman

Suzanne Gladstone Cheryl Godding Heidi Goes Elena Gomez Karen Gonzalez Tammy Gray Sharron Griffith Rosemary Gyawu Catherine Hafner Eileen Hennie Deborah Hillyard Diane Hilton Maria Hummer Jackie Hunt Goodson Bohdan Iwanetz, MD Diana Jackson Afrika Johnson Rosita Josef Judy Kappes Melanie Kiel Jessica Kipp Victoria Kirby Kimberly Klindera Toni Krantz Elenore Krause Judith Krein Wanda Kropuenske Stephanie Larson Karen Lazorik Robin LeGacy Jon Levin, DO Michelle Lewis Bebe Li Marcia Lilly Rebecca Lohman, MD Jennifer Lombardi Pamela Lorenz **Disney Macias** Ann Madrak Mary Maka Ashley Malbrough Carrie Mancini

Jessicca Marcy Esther Mayz Bonnie McCollough Mark McDermott Irene McNamara Michele Mercuri Stacey Miessau Mary Miranda Adeline Moore Liana Moskal Ramona Mysnyk Divyashree Narayan Jose Nerios Gary Nesmith Lois Nevers Michele Olivares Gloria Orem Catherine Parke

Digna Piano Pauline Powell **Richard Quitete** Kelly Rabon Gary Reckart Jr. Traci Reed Karen Reif Lisa Richard Amy Rowland Johnna Ruffin Josephine Schantz Irina Schedrina LaJuana Shadle Dhruti Shah Laura Shanley Barbara Shannon Shannon Shipp Leesa Shirey

Wendy Sinkler Dahlia Spence Tammy Tatum Maricon Teodoro Margalie Thimot Marla Trujillo Theresa Valent Dena Valentine Amanda VanHatten Maya Varghese Ruth Vera Mary VonBehren Anuruddha Walaliyadda, MD Judeth Walker Kathryn Warner Joshua Warren Crystall Weidle

Harold West Cynthia White Lora Whitethorn Brittany Wilson James Winkler Johnny Wright Karen Yale Linda Zafiriou Patricia Zielinski

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section of its website to information for longterm care facilities.

Among the resources are clinical staff information, resident information, and prevention tools. You can also access guidelines for infection prevention and control in healthcare settings and information about tracking infections in long-term care facilities.

Over 3 million Americans receive care in U.S. nursing homes and skilled nursing facilities each year and nearly 1 million persons reside in assisted living facilities.

Free wound care resources

Access a variety of free wound care resources from **Advanced Tissue**. The resources include newsletters and webinars of interest to clinicians, such as **"Identifying ulcers**," **"Let's go on wound rounds! Management**



of pressure ulcers," and "Strategies for wound care treatment and debridement."

You can also sign up to receive invitations to future wound education webinars.

Patient information on PAD

"Vascular disease patient information page: Peripheral artery disease" (PAD), an article by Ratchford and Evans in *Vascular Medicine*, explains what PAD is and discusses risk factors, signs and symptoms, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention. The article includes a figure that describes anklebrachial index measurement.