

Note from Executive Director



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In the previous issue of *Wound Care Advisor*, I provided some insight into the election of the National Alliance of Wound Care and Ostomy (NAWCO) board members, their mission, and goals. With this issue, I'd like you to start meeting our members. Let's begin with President Debbie Dvorachek and Vice President Katie Pieper.

President of the Board of Directors of the National Alliance of Wound Care and Ostomy

Debbie Dvorachek is a licensed practical nurse and holds the Wound Care Certified (WCC) credential. She started her career providing wound care treatments to residents in a skilled nursing facility. She says her techniques for dressing changes were good, but she felt her knowledge in what was needed for optimal wound healing was lacking. Debbie decided to take the Skin and Wound Management course provided by the Wound Care Education Institute (WCEI), where she received her certification through NAWCO.

Debbie says, "Receiving the knowledge in wound care through WCEI and my WCC certification boosted my confidence in the current practice of wound healing or prevention." She adds, "I am so proud that NAWCO embraces those from a wide range of healthcare disciplines, which makes it the most diverse and inclusive wound care certification organization today. I want NAWCO to continue to be there with a multitude of resources to support all WCCs, DWCs, OMSs, and LLEs and advance their



professional recognition and careers while providing a higher standard of care to their patients."

Vice President of the Board of Directors of the National Alliance of Wound Care and Ostomy

Katie Pieper has been a nurse for more than 40 years. She is retired from bedside nursing, but currently teaches nursing assistants. Katie has been wound care certified since 2003. She says, "Apparently, our class was the first to have the privilege of attending the WCEI wound class. When they said, 'Give us a week and we will change your life forever,' I was not sure how they were going to do it, but they did."

After completing the WCEI course, Katie found herself teaching anyone who would listen, and she wanted to learn as much as she could to teach others. Twelve years later, she still feels that way. "I believe that it is my duty and privilege to teach as many as I can, especially about prevention. When teaching the nursing assistant students, everything revolves around protecting and nourishing the skin," she says.

Katie wants members to know that, "As a member of the board, I want to be available to WCCs to answer questions or help them in finding answers. The Board of Directors are always available to help wherever there is a need. We are here to assist you in your career and provide help in whatever you need."

Following is the complete list of board members:

Debbie Dvorachek—president
Kathryn (Katie) Pieper—vice president
Carol Krueger—board member
Ottamissiah Moore—board member
Cheryl Robillard—board member
Rosalyn Jordan—board member
Andrew Joiner—board member

Clive Horricks—board member
Michael Richardson—board member

Watch for upcoming issues of *Wound Care Advisor* to meet other members of the board.

New certificants

Below are WCC, DWC, and OMS certificants who were certified from December 2014 to January 2015.

Arlene Abreu, MD
Dianne Acebedo
Gabriel
Sunday Adetoyese
Alvin Alexander
Emily Allred
Jocelyn Arriescado
Jacquelyn Baker
Arielle Ball
Tammie Barnett
Mary Jean Barry
Jody Batton
Darrin Baxter
Eric Beck
Cinthia Belden
Randi Bertoni
Tatyana Bezpalaya
Kathryn Blum
Angela Boggess
Tanisha Bowen
Lori Brannin
Juan Bravo, MD
Amelia Brewer
Jackie Bringham
Tina Broussard
Carol Brown
Kirsten Brown

Jennifer Burke
Joanne Burt
Carmen Cama
Chelsea Cason
Ethel Castro
Kay Cavalier
Peggy Caviola
Esmeralda Chapa
Louise Cheeney
John Clayton, DO
Lisa Clements
Vanessa Copeland
Robin Cronin
Maria Antonia Cuison
Amy Dalziel
Scott Davis
Alison Delacruz
Ly Ly Delles
Wei Deng
Joanne Depoe
Delpar Diolazo
Laureen Diot
Nancy Dombek
Frederick Dressen,
DO
Dawn Dugan
Belen Duygu

Wesley Ehle
Amber Ehlers
Carissa Ely
Doreen Ernest
Cynthia Eugene
Candice Fella
Janet Fisher
Jessica Fleming
Sara Foster
Lee Giampietro
Julie Gibson
Jolyne Giles
Gail Goebel
Sivakoti Guda, MD
Tracy Harding
Lavon Haskins
Laura Hayes
Patsy Hayward
Rodolfo Hebron
Jacklyn Henderson
Polly Hendrix
Lynette Henriksen
Jill Hickey
Amanda Hickey
Laura Hogan
James Hosler, MD
Anatole Hounnou,
DO
Teresa Hughes
Augustina Idahor
Laura Jacobs
Kay Jesena
Yolanda Johnson

Carol Johnson
McGregor
Deborah Johnston
Dana Kambe
Angela Kiefer
Angie Kilburn
Gagandeep Kingra
Fredrik Kirberg
Susan Kline
Candice Joan Lacson
Debbie LaGrange
Steven Lenthe
Lisa Lewandowski
Jeanne Lipely
Jacqueline Loosley
Julie Lovingier
Veda Luka
Tonya Madaus
Susan Manos
Valerie Martin
Tifani Maturin
Patrick Maus
Melody McDaniel
Barbara McDonald
Megan McMahon
Lisa Mittelstaedt
Kristine Moeller
Donna Morrow
Navdeep Muhar
Lawrie Murray
Kristin Myers
Melissa Nelson
Jean Nesbitt

Noelle Neudorfer
Debra O'Bryant
Gospel Ofuyah
David Okolica, MD
Megan Owens
Peggy Paino
Narinder Parhar, MD
Derek Parris
Shirley Peart-
Osbourne
Angela Pennington
Elizabeth Picozzi
Annalisa Pike
Adrian Preciado
Deanna Proper
Denise Quallo
Aaron Racca
Rizalino Rafi Jr., MD
Benjamin Ramos
Maria Ramos
Raymundo
Donna Randone
Debra Reese
Amber Reeves
Janice Regan
Clara Ricabal
Lisa Salvatore
Denise Scott
Cory Shaffer
Anil Shankar
Amy Smedberg
Anjeanique Smith
Rosanne Spada
Teresa Spaulding
Wendy Standifird
Patricia Staples
Donna Stauss
Vivian Sternweiler
Staci Stewart
Adrian Rico Sy
Maria Talavera
Stefanie Talbot
Jerrice Taplett

Jennifer Tesoro
Sandra Thomas
Heidi Thomas
Kelli Thornburg
Paciencia Toney-
Joiner
Desiree Torassa
Jill Tucker
Connie Vedrode
Amanda Veselka
Lisa Vickrey
Joanne Watrin
William Wegesser
Amanda Wellema
Sharon Westendorf
Dixie White
Ashley Wilkins
Susan Winot
Kelli Wray
Tracie Wright
Betty Wright
Kona Yang
Lynn Zigmant

Recertified certificants

Below are WCC, DWC, and OMS certificants who were recertified from December 2014 to January 2015.

Tinuke Akinade
Rachel Aragon
Linda Avery
Valentina Ayvazova
Gifty Bandoh
Jinkee Beltran
James Beltran
Jerome Bilecki

Kathleen Blechertas
Sophie Boudreau
Brenda Brown
William Brown
Bin Mildred Bukalan
Kathleen Burciaga
Theresa Calk
Gale Cardoza
John Casey
Mona Cash
Leslie Chandler
Holzman
Janice Chua
Efigenia Climaco
Ann Coles
Marguerite Collins
Rhazimar Conlu
Michele Cordivano
Waters
Sharon Culp
Monette de Leon
Susan DeMere
Sharon Dircks
Audrey Dodson
Mary Famorca
Autumn Ferringer
Tiffany Ferroni
Carol Flanagan
Donna Fording
Wendi Fox
Mary Galeotalanza
Marla Garand
Kelly Gerhards
Sandra Gunter
Jenita Gutierrez
Amanda Hagwood
Jennifer Hall
Tina Hawley
Miki Hayashi
Lori Henderson
Daniela Herrera
Sid Hester
Cheryl Hilliman

Susan Hoban
Connie Holland
Clive Horrocks
Dawn Houck
Christina Hutchinson
Hailey Hwangbo
Branden Jackson
Leslie Jaros
Mary Kacmarek
Cynthia Kadziulis
Halyna Kauta
Paula Kavanaugh
Kelly Kelley
Kathryn Kelley
Susan Kim
Cynthia Kirr
Beth Kishbaugh
Christy Knorr
Judy Kuhn
Rosa Latour
Sylvia Lee
Ronald Lee
Ellen Lenihan
Kathryn Libby
Tori Long
Geraldine Loughran-
Beutler
Jessica Luebke
Sylvia Luz
Michele Lyons
Paul Marquardt
Jennifer Martin
Maricela Martinez-
Kimbrell
Lori Martinson
Christy McGill
Steven McGurgan
Maureen McHale
Marlene Mellin
Angel Merchant
Rosanne Morin
Bernard Morris
Rhonda Myers

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| Katheryn Neuman | Michael Richardson | Marissa Szyslowski | Diana Worthington |
| Michelle Nickett | Leon Robinson | Nina Tabachnikova | Beth Wyman |
| Diana Ochoa | Sheri Ross | Shawnie Tallman | Gertrude Young |
| Kyleigh Odom | Vickie Rounds | Melita Ticoy | Susan Ziegler |
| Rachel Pacheco | Linda Salitore | Cathy Tiernan | |
| Elizabeth Panken | Linda Schendel | Aletha Tippet, MD | |
| Medalla Paragas | Joy Severio | Barbara Twombly | |
| Sandra Parker | Tammy Sheedy | Natalie Van Sickle | |
| Kinga Pater | Sherry Shelton | Daniel Vandenberg, MD | |
| Jennifer Pettis | Helen Smith | Nichole Webb | |
| Martha Pleitez | Shirley Smylie | Robin Wells | |
| Lucila Puentes | Cathy Soto | Stacey Leigh Werner | |
| Stewart | Christy Sprague | Sabrina West | |
| David Quint | Lorraine Steward | Marilyn White | |
| Jamie Ragland | Cheryl Stewart | Julie Wiens | |
| Mary Reaves | Gary Summerfield Jr. | Kathy Williams | |
| Karen Reihl | Doneige Suprice | Donise Wimbush | |
| Michael Renshaw | Sally Sytko | | |

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build up both sides of the body to restore symmetry and make the wound less noticeable. Also, dressings come in various skin tones to blend better against the skin; choose the most appropriate tone for your patient. And try to use clothing creatively to cover the wound.

Palliative wound care embodies the best of patient-centered care by focusing on what's best for the patient—even if that's not what's best for the wound. Aggressively managing the most distressing symptoms of chronic wounds helps maximize patients' quality of life. ■

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