

## 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



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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 Horrocks—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 Arriessgado  
 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 Bando  
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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