



“Best of the Best” three-peat

What do the Los Angeles Lakers, Green Bay Packers, Montreal Canadiens, and New York Yankees have in common? All three have “three-peated”, meaning they have won three consecutive championships. This year, we at *Wound Care Advisor*, the official journal of the National Alliance of Wound Care and Ostomy (NAWCO), mark our own three-peat—our third annual “Best of the Best” issue.

This may be the first time you have held *Wound Care Advisor* in your hands because normally we come to you via the Internet. Using a digital format for this peer-reviewed journal allows us to bring you practical information that you can access anytime, anywhere and gives you the ability to access videos and other links to valuable resources for you and your patients. However, it's still nice sometimes to hold a print version of a journal, so once a year, we bring you a compendium of our most popular articles to create a resource you can turn to again and again.

If you're new to *Wound Care Advisor*, this print edition is an opportunity for you to experience what you've been missing. If you're a regular reader, this edition gives you the opportunity to revisit some of our best articles.

Within these pages you'll find feature articles, best practices, step-by-step how-to's, clinical resources, and news. Along with wound-related topics such as palliative wound care, you'll find a variety of other topics, ranging from helping patients overcome ostomy challenges to caring for

patients with lower-extremity cellulitis. You'll also hone your skills by reading articles on how to assess wound exudate and use of medical gauze. We haven't forgotten your nonclinical related needs—check out the article on creating effective education programs on a shoestring budget.

Also included as part of this special edition, is an exclusive directory of the *2015 Wild on Wounds Exhibitors Guide*. Wild on Wounds (WOW) is an annual, multi-disciplinary national wound conference presented by the Wound Care Education Institute. The exhibitor guide features names, products, and contact information for many different manufacturers and companies that can offer solutions to assist in caring for your patients.

In keeping with our digital format, this compendium will also be available electronically at our website, www.wound-careadvisor.com, where you'll be able to download resources and access links to videos, clinical resources, and much more.

Thanks to our readers, *Wound Care Advisor* is a champion. We appreciate your support and look forward to bringing you many more articles designed to help you achieve excellence in your clinical practice. Look for our four-peat in 2016!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna Sardina". The script is fluid and cursive.

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