

Note from Executive Director



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It's hard to believe that it has been over 2 years since I was named executive director of NAWCO. What an experience! During these 2 years, I've had the opportunity to meet many great individuals who volunteer their time to make this organization a success. Last year, I introduced you to the Board of Directors over several issues. I wanted our readers and members to get to know the impressive group of people who collaborate with me in leading NAWCO. Board members volunteer their time and are instrumental in making decisions that positively affect what we do for our members as an organization and, ultimately, for the individuals those members care for.

Equally as impressive are the volunteer members of the NAWCO Wound Care Certified (WCC) Certification Committee. I could not tell you about the board and not mention this dedicated and intelligent group of clinicians who work to ensure that the WCC examination remains credible, current, and congruent with the requirements of accrediting boards.

In this and upcoming issues of *Wound Care Advisor*, I'll focus on the Certification Committee, including its purpose, who the members are, the importance of obtaining certification, and reasons for maintaining your certification once you have earned it.

Let me begin the series by discussing the process the Certification Committee uses to develop and maintain the WCC examination. Many of our readers are certified, or have taken examinations in the past, so you

probably can imagine how much work goes into putting one together. Here's an overview of how the exam is developed.

The volunteer members of the Certification Committee, who are subject matter experts (SMEs), write the questions. The questions are designed to assess cognitive levels of knowledge, comprehension, application, and analysis related to skin and wound management. Questions are based on job task analyses conducted to ensure the content is current, job-related, and representative of the responsibilities of wound care practitioners.

The members of the Certification Committee strive to ensure that those who receive certification meet or exceed the knowledge of a minimally qualified candidate. During in-person meetings, the committee members analyze job tasks of wound care professionals, define criteria for the minimally qualified candidate who can take the exam, and accomplish other tasks. The Certification Committee also holds virtual meetings about every 4 to 6 weeks to develop and review test questions. Between meetings, committee members work on the questions they have been assigned to develop or refine. Experts from Alpine Testing Solutions, Inc., which provides NAWCO with support to ensure the exam is psychometrically sound, edit each question for grammar, potential bias, and technical adequacy.

After the questions are written, they are pilot tested. A total of 100 candidates take

the exam consisting of questions previously tested and approved, plus 10 of the new questions the committee has developed. Alpine Testing Solutions experts analyze responses to determine which of the pilot questions meet required standards. Those questions meeting the standards are maintained for future use in the final exam, and a new set of pilot questions, pulled from the ones the committee developed, is added for additional testing. Questions that don't meet the standards are returned to the Certification Committee for reevaluation and further action.

As you can see, the process is quite involved and requires many steps, each involving experts in wound care and/or test development. Now that you know a bit about the process, I'd like to begin introducing you to the members of the Certification Committee, starting with the chair.

Jen Pettis, BS, RN, WCC, chair of the Certification Committee

Jen is a nurse researcher/associate in the U.S. Division of Abt Associates. Jen, who began her career as a nursing assistant, has more than 25 years' experience in health

care, including experience as a clinical and regulatory consultant to the Division of Nursing Homes at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). She has extensive clinical, managerial, consulting, and training experience, has provided educational sessions around the country, and has written or contributed to multiple publications. Jen joined the certification committee in 2012.

When I asked Jen why she joined the Certification Committee, she said, "I wanted to get involved in the organization and saw involvement in the Certification Committee as an opportunity to continue to use my wound care expertise while learning new skills related to test development. I have really learned a great deal about developing psychometrically sound tests and the information has been very useful in my practice, including when developing educational tools for others."

Jen has played a key role in the certification process and we are pleased to have her as the Committee Chair.

I hope you'll join me for the next issue of *Wound Care Advisor* as I continue this series on certification and introduce other members of the committee.

New certificants

Below are WCC, DWC, and OMS certificants who were certified from December 2015 to January 2016.

Victoria Ables	Sally Arsenault
Theresa Acholonu	Marykuty Babu
Alice Adams	Renee Balboa
Stephanie Allen	Monette Barbian
Ruth Altidor-Floreus	Nadine Barkman
Leidy Alvarez-Lopez	Veronica Barraza
April Antazo	Susan Bartocci

Shannon Bawden
Karen Bay
Lu Ann Beebe
Elise Belcher
Jennifer Bender
Jennifer Bishop
Belinda Blanton
Lisa Bodemer
Shelley Borbonus
Aisha Brackett
Judith Bright
Lashawn Brown
Hanna Brown

Carla Brown
Shawna Burks
Madalene Calvert
Tiffany Campbell
Lilian Cardenas
Kerri Carr
Autumn Carter
Darlene Celevante
Anitha Cherian
Courtney Claiborne
Julie Clinton
Bilinda Collins
Danielle Collord

Linda Corbitt
Alma Corona
Cathrina Cox
Cathryn Craig
Rhonda Dalton
Rebecca Davidson
Barbara Davignon
John Carlo De Chavez
Elizabeth DeFeo
Emily DeLoach
Jennifer DeTurk
Kelin Dimas
Dustin Dodge
Nana Donkor
Tammy Driscoll
Lydia Dunbar
Jennifer Dunn
Tamesha Eaton
Towanah Edwards
Annette Fearon
Evangeline Fernandez
September Foster
Caitlin Fosteson
Anita Francisco
Evamariely Garcia Solis
Melissa Gaynor
Rebekah Gerhards
Teresa Golden
Angela Gordon
Anne Graham
Jennifer Hackman
Heather Hailey
Jennifer Hamilton
Susan Hannigan
Mary Heatlie
Jennifer Hester
Jennifer Hobig
Tracy Hoffman
Sheri Honeycutt
Bobbie Honorable

Elizabeth Hope Ries
Ronald Horner
Patricia Hoyecki
Christie Hsu
Mary Hubbard
Mindy Hund
Yaritzta Islas
Margaret Jablonski
Marla Jim
Paulette Johnson
Oksana Kakuriev
Amy Kelsheimer
Michelle Kennedy
Susan Kline
Cheri Klinghard
Melissa Koonce
Anna Koziol
Karen Krueger
Cynthia Krystozek
Judith Lais
Larkland Lawrence
Rebecca LeBlanc
Jessica Lesko
Krista Lickey
Christine Loggins
Brooke Lopez
Tamara Lutsyk
Ayshia Madden
Kisun Mamon
Barbara McFadden
Sherin McGovern
April Meyer
Rachelle Mitchell
Tisha Moore
Sondra Moseley
Courtney Mudrick
Elizabeth Murphy
Donna Myers
Rebecca Naughton
Liesl Neumann
Laura Nickel
Tracy Occhipinti
Treva Ockenfels

Kimberly O'leary
Aylmer Oporto
Beata Pearce
Christy Peterson
Tanya Pintado
Karen Powers
Colleen Price
Leslie Prime
Jamie Pritchard
Erica Provc
Nina Purtlebaugh
Edma Quiambao
Valencia
Maybelle Ramos
Jackie Ramsey
Heather Rastello
Kenneth Restor
Heather Revaleon
Amy Rickens
Nora Rodgers
Brittan Roth
Michelle Ruffner
Jose Salvador
Suzanne Schatzer
Susan Schaub
Anne Schiavoni-Colucci
Sharon Schillings
Ketlin Schneider
Jin Schnitzler
Karin Schrunk
Wendi Scott
Mahanee Lei Sermon
Kristine Setterlund
Jodie Shimp
Frances Sibonga
Catherine Sierra
Tamela Silveira
Colleen Skoglund
Miriam Smart
Brent Smith
Carol Smith
Maria Soto

Eileen Stahlheber
Mallikarjuna Suryamoni
Suzan Tahir
Kathleen Terlecki
Beverly Terregrossa
William Terry
Mary Terry
Amber Thacker
Amber Thomas
Nikki Thornton
Linda Thuren
Rhellen Tigley
Ofonasaha Udofia
Kimberly Valente
Margaret Valente
Keiko VandeBerg
Monette Virtudazo
Amanda Wagg
Tricia Wagner
Katoria Westbrook
Rebecca Whitton
Veronica Wilhelm
Mitchelle Williams
Amanda Yale
Roldan Yumul
Shannon Zundel

Recertified certificants

Below are WCC, DWC, and OMS certificants who were recertified from December 2015 to January 2016.

Louise Alberg
Diana Amick
Christine Amole
Karen Andrews

Vicki Andrews
Judith Anthony-
Miller
Miguel Arguelles
Dawn Auger
Arlene Ayugat
Donna Bailer
Bobbi Bailey
Christina Balling
Ramon Banea
Tina Bark
Nancy Barker
Tommie Bass
Amy Beightel
Molly Berry
Wendy Bordenave
Linda Boyce
Kimberly Boyett
Charleen Brisindi
Kristian Bugaoan
Cheryl Burke
Regenia Butler
Patricia Cabala
Maureen Calnan
Sara-Scott Capps
Jessica Carter
Kathleen Casolino
Jill Cavaliere
Tracey Cearley
Ziping Cen
Leah Chandler
Mique Chappell
Cathleen Christy
Catherine Chung
MaryAnn Claypoole
Elizabeth Clupny
Winona Coaker
Amber Collins
Christopher Cormier
Teresa Cornwell
Mary Coyle
Jacqueline Cretser
Ruthann Crocetto

Robert Crocetto
Shannon Cyphers
Ashley Damiano
Shannon Dart
Kyle DeFrain
Sherry DeMoura
Nancy Dreher
Lakena Dupree
Patty Emberson
Sue Emmons
Shane England
Queen Enyogai
Maria Escudro
Rosario Escueta
Elizabeth Espin
Marlo Franklin-
Hamm
Tara Frazier
Eugene Gaertner,
MD
Kathy Gallagher
Kristi Gallegos
Eleanor Ganibi
Roberta Gauthier
Kristina Gilbert
Olga Gililland
Stephanie Girard
Andrea Gorman
Marina Grigorian
Julie Harrington
Stephanie Hazzard
Autumn Henson
Amy Herrmann
Tanya Hodge
Donna Hoffer
Heisey
Beth Hoffmire
Heideman
Mohamed Jalloh
Jan Johnson-Barger
Veronica Jones
D Lynn Jones
Kelly Jorgenson

Loretta Kakascik
Martina Kaucka
Antoinette Kettner
Judith Klingensmith
Debra LaBrecque
Susan Laning
Rebecca Leatham
Elizabeth Leffler
Lynn Lesperance
Jei-Ing Liu
Leonor Lopez
Stacy Lowery
Stephanie Mansfield
Annet Matovu
Candice Mayer
Melissa McGrail
Kathleen Medvedoff
Toby Mikki
Nexeli Mohrman
Jane Momoh
Sue Moore
Mark Neer
Lam-Quynh Nguyen
Jane Oliver Moody
Normita Oredina
Carolyn Parsons
Lene Pedersen
Lisa Persson
Michelle Prada
Jacqueline Proby
Cynthia Quinones
Shirin Ramsini
Amanda Ray
Michelle Reeves
Peggy Rennels
Cynthia Rice
Brenda Roberson
Carol Robinson
DeAnn Ronk
Rebecca Roorda
Vicky Ruby
Sherry Runestad
Michelle Rung

Karen Salas
Latosha Sanders
Christina Sawelsky
Laurie Schmitt
Katie Schroeder
Mary Schroth
Jeannine Sedlacik
Lori Sherlock
Colleen Shivetts
Kathleen Sholler
Rose Shufelt
Mariclaire Silverman
Farida Sitorus
Lorrie Snider
Liza Sombrito
Shellie Sonnentag
Carol Spencer
Jill Spengler
Leilani Stenberg
Cynthia Stone
Veronica Story
Beth Strecker
Cheryl Swann
Helen Tagliaferro
Patricia Tidd
Josette Tolbert
Marie Torell-Alverio
Dorothy Valine
Arturo Villafuerte
Monessa Wadford
Donna Watson
Nancy Weljkovic
Carrie White
Lois Wilson
Margaret Woodruff
Tracey Yap