

## Note from Executive Director



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In previous articles for this series, I introduced you to members of the NAWCO Certification Committee. This article concludes introductions to the 15 members of the committee, but watch for more in this series about certification.

### Jennifer J. Brokaw, RN, WCC, OMS

Jennifer is a member of the wound ostomy team at Tampa General Hospital (TGH) in Florida. With more than 20 years of patient care experience (18 years as a registered nurse), Jennifer has practiced in nearly every level of acute care medicine, including med-surg, cardiac-telemetry, and critical care. She was a travel nurse for 8 years, which helped her gain invaluable perspectives through her work at many facilities across the country.

Jennifer was first certified in wound care in 2001, when she became the sole wound care nurse for a 300-bed acute care facility and a 200-bed long-term care facility. There she built the inpatient wound care program from the ground up, including policy and procedures, product formulary, and staff education development. Jennifer has spoken at local colleges and association meetings, and she is a presenter for the nurse residency program at TGH. She is active in the wound ostomy field and sees an average of 50 new patients a week. Jennifer, who is an approved preceptor for WCC candidates, enjoys sharing her knowledge and experience as a wound and ostomy nurse, while



continuously expanding her own skills and education. She joined the certification committee in March 2016.

### Dianna “Dee” Dashner, BSN, RN, WCC, CLNC, LLE

Dee currently works in an outpatient wound care center in Stuart, Florida. In 2015, she earned her bachelor of science degree from Kaplan University, graduating summa cum laude, and is currently continuing her education at Kaplan by pursuing her master of science in nursing as a family nurse practitioner. Dee has 13 years of nursing experience, with 10 years of wound care experience. She became certified as a WCC in 2009, a CLNC in 2010, and a LLE in 2013. She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society for Nurses, Florida Nurses Association, Alpha Beta Kappa Honor Society, National Association of Wound Care, and National Alliance of Certified Legal Nurse Consultants. Dee joined the certification committee in March 2016.

### Jeff Dixon, BS, LPN, WCC

Jeff received his LVN/LPN through the U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School in 2001, and earned his bachelor of science degree in 2015. His clinical experiences include hyperbaric medicine, pediatric emergency, pediatric ICU, neonatal ICU, outpatient surgery, and medical evacuation. Jeff has been an instructor for emergency medical technician training, prehospi-

tal trauma life support, and combat medicine. His passion for wound care has driven him to find better and more cost-effective ways to heal wounds in his community. Jeff is currently the wound care coordinator for Van's Medical Equipment of Lakeland. He manages negative-pressure wound therapy, specialty dressings, and training throughout his region. Jeff became wound care certified in 2015 and joined the WCC Certification Committee in 2016.

**Mary Josephine M. Famorca, MAN, BSN, RN, WCC, COCN**

Mary is a wound and ostomy certified registered nurse with varied experiences in both clinical practice and nursing education. She has a master of arts in nursing with a specialty in adult health nursing and more than 27 years of nursing experience, including neurosurgical nursing, research, teaching undergraduate and graduate nursing students, and managing a college of nursing and skilled nursing facility. Her experience in both long-term and acute-care settings includes leading interdisciplinary teams and skin champions in lowering the percentage of hospital-acquired pressure ulcers and managing wound/ostomy clients. Mary has presented at local, national, and international levels for professional organizations. Her philosophy is, "It is more enriching to serve than to be served." Mary joined the certification committee in March 2016.

**Beth Hoffmire Heideman, MSN, WCC, DWC, OMS**

Beth received her BSN and MSN degrees from D'Youville College in Buffalo, New York; a New York State (NYS) teaching certification from Buffalo State College; and creative studies certification from Buffalo State College. She is a member of the Amer-

ican Professional Wound Care Association. Beth has worked as a home care nurse for more than 20 years and is currently practicing as a WCC and OMS for McAuley Seton Home Care/Catholic Health Care System in Buffalo, New York. Before joining the Catholic Health Care System, she taught both high school and an adult vocational program for licensed practical nursing, worked with hospice home care in a variety of clinical roles, and served as an exam item writer for NCLEX. Beth has participated in the Medicaid Gold Stamp program for pressure ulcer reduction in NYS, served on the NAWCO DWC Certification Committee, and is an active member of the WCC Certification Committee. She has been a presenter at the Wild On Wounds (WOW) conference and has had articles published in *Nursing Management* and *Wound Care Advisor*. Beth joined the DWC Certification Committee in 2012 and the WCC Certification Committee in 2013.

**Lisa M. Hezel, ADN, BA, RN, ACHRN, DAP-WCA, WCC, OMS**

Lisa's biggest claim to fame is that she has been a nurse for more than half her life. She graduated in 1993 with her associate degree in nursing and started her career in wound care on May 1, 2000. On that day, she found her official niche in nursing—wound care. Lisa earned her bachelor degree in management communication with a minor in healthcare administration while working full time and raising her young family; she graduated cum laude in 2005. She became a WCC in 2007 and moved into her current job, working as the nurse manager of the Mercy Hospital St. Louis Hyperbarics and Wound Care department, in 2008. She became a certified hyperbaric technologist in 2010 and an advanced certified hy-

perbaric registered nurse in 2014. In preparation for expanding her current department to include an outpatient ostomy clinic, Lisa also became an Ostomy Management Specialist in 2015.

Lisa has been honored as a finalist for *St. Louis Magazine's* 2015 Excellence in Nursing award and was nominated for a Daisy Award for Nursing Excellence in 2016. She was a guest presenter for the St. Louis Nurses in Advanced Practice 2014 Symposium. Lisa is a member of NAWCO, Baromedical Nurses Association, Undersea & Hyperbaric Medical Society, and the American Professional Wound Care Association. She loves her faith, her family, and being a nurse. Lisa joined the certification committee in March 2016.

### **Jose Roberto "Jojo" Quiva Melendres, RN, WCC**

Jose is an RN Case Manager III, working with medically complex patients in a managed care setting. He is wound care certified and currently working on his case management certification as well as licensure in medicine to practice as a physician in the United States. Jose earned a bachelor of science in public health and a bachelor of science in nursing. He also graduated with a degree of doctor of medicine and completed a surgical residency program for which he served as the chief resident during his senior term in the Philippines.

Wound care is just one of his many areas of expertise. Jose migrated to the United States in 2009 with his family. He left his successful budding practice as a general and cancer surgeon and professor in an undergraduate nursing college. Since moving to the United States, he has worked in various healthcare settings in the Sacramento region. Currently he works for Molina

Healthcare of California, a nationally recognized managed care business. Jose joined the certification committee in March 2016.

### **Valeska Martin, RN, CNE, WCC**

Valeska is the director of wound care at Brookdale Senior Living Inc., which serves more than 1,100 post-acute care facilities. She has more than 17 years of experience in nursing, beginning as a nursing assistant. Her positions in long-term care include director of nursing, treatment nurse, regional director of quality services, and quality services consultant. Valeska's experience as a treatment nurse prompted her to expand her wound care knowledge by becoming a WCC and obtaining her wound care certification through NAWCO. Currently she assists with monitoring wound outcomes, developing wound care formularies, and developing and presenting extensive wound care training for the associates at Brookdale Senior Living. Valeska enjoys sharing her knowledge within the community to ensure that the residents receive quality preventative and, if necessary, wound therapy and appropriate care plans; she also is involved in programs to maintain compliance with Medicare, Medicaid, and state standards. Valeska joined the certification committee in 2016.

You've now met everyone on the committee. As you probably noticed, we added a number of new members this year in anticipation of continued growth and future endeavors. What a well-rounded group of professional clinicians! NAWCO is excited to have this great team of individuals on the certification committee.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our committee members for their efforts, the time they volunteer, and the great job they are doing.

## New certificants

Below are WCC, DWC, and OMS certificants who were certified from April 2016 to May 2016.

Ronila Aldeguer	Shannon Cook	Karen Glass	Mechelle Krause
Ashley Anderson	Mary Cooley-	Maria Gonzales	Megan Kroll
Alisa Anderson	Comvalius	Dean Gorospe	Katherine Kunkel
Deborah Anson	Joffre Cuenco	Lakeecia Green-	Allison La Voie
MaryGrace Antonio	Colleen Cyr	Milbry	Rachel Lail
Dominic Arbeitman	Mary Daniels	Anoop Grewal	Shehroz Lakhani
Abegail Arca	Lynn Deaton	Lissette Grillo	Celeste Laney
Richard Ashby	Chansamone Dee	Cara Gunter	Sarah Larson
Michelle Ashby	Geraldine Del Valle	Denise Gunter	Lora Latendresse
Ann Avery	Kristen Devick	Marie Haddock	Lora Latendresse
Bernadette Bailie	Pauline Dickens	Kenye Hampton	Cathy Laubenthal
Robert Baird	Terri Dixon	Margaret Hansley	Sarah Lauersdorf
Sejal Bamrolia	Suzanne Do	Elizabeth Harlow	Jamie Lawson
Eudelia Banda	Bridgette Dollhopf	Vickie Harvey	Caroline Lecureux
Keesha Banwarth	James Donald	Rosa Hayek	Andrea Leifer
Mary Beach	Elizabeth Dowell	Angela Hazelbaker	Tara Leiting
Heather Beall	Nancy Dreher	Diane Hecht	William Leskovec
Jenifer Bibler	Trisha Dubois	Kimberly Held	Kary Levaugh
Amy Bierwirth	Shannon Dudash	Magdalena Hen-	Paolo Linao
Sunday Bloodworth	Emily Dyce	nessy	Yuling Liu
Valerie Bonifant	Trisha Eibel	Debra Hermann	Debbie Loner
Timothy Bowers	Vicki Ellis	Kimberly Hightower	Brittany Lowenstein
Jeanna Bracken	Darlene Engel	Lori Hinchee	John Luther
Cynthia Broadus	Katherine Ferrell	Casey Hinman	Rachel Mamere
Maria Brockway	Deborah Finch	Stacey Hiser	Erin Marciniak
Sherlita Broomfield	Georgia Fisher	Vickie Hodes	Laurie Martinez
Lauetta Brown	Kendra Fling	Kimberly Jarvis	Courtney Mason
Angela Bryant	John Ford	Jacqueline Johnson	Wendy McBride
Amy Burkhead	Angela Fortson	Aida Johnson	Keisha McClendon
Robin Burns	Mary Franci	Elizabeth Jones	Gina McEachern
Emily Butler	Theresa Frankie	Cheryl Jones	Roxann Mekus
Rogelio Buyo	Shelli Freeman	Anitha	Rebecca Miller
Denise Carter	Stefanie Fuller	Kadranagaripalli	Lala Miner
Katie Challacomb	Audrey Garcia	Esther Kamau	Myroslava Mokliak
Juan Chavez Duarte	Jose Gasca	David Kauffman	David Mundhenk
Julianne Ciaglia	Ana Gattoc	Parminder Kaur	Tina Nguyen
Cynthia Clemency	James Gawel	Angela Kemp	Ronald Noack
Shelly Cochran	Karen Genter	Kari Kesner	Chioma Nwabude
		Miyuki Kiba	Kathryn O'Bryant
		Sheila Kihlthau	Margaret Oesterreich
		Nona King	Jayne Osadho
		Jerome Kochinsky	Margaret Ovando
		Joyce Kodama	Kimberly Owen
		Bridget Kohlhaas	Dorotha Owens

Aura Palma  
Shannon Parish  
Khara Paschal  
Gloria Patterson  
Dawn Pederson  
Ann Perillo  
Edward Perry  
James Pineda  
Cynthia Plummer  
Krysta Pryatel  
Jessie Quiles  
Paula Raggio  
Emma Regular-  
Galarrita  
Ma Lucille Reyes  
David Richards  
Jennifer Riegel  
Kacy Riley  
Susan Ringgold  
Sonia Robinson  
Jaquetta Romero  
Pelaghia Rosca  
Pamela Rose  
Lilah Russell  
Sylwia Ryba  
Jona Sarte-Estalilla  
Rebecca Sawyers  
Tshaye Scarlett  
Jami Schaefer  
Diane Scheuher  
Vicki Scheuher  
Christine Schroeder  
Sarah Schumann  
Marquita Scott  
Priscilla Seith  
Janie Shepherd  
Christina Signs  
Paul Simpson  
Trisha Skirvin  
David Slattery  
Deborah Smith  
Alan Smith  
Sarah Snow

Jean Snyder  
Gloriangeles Soule  
Pamela Spiker  
Doris Staunton  
Jennifer Stephens  
Vivian Stevens  
Naa Tagoe  
Loree Tasto  
Michele Taylor  
Felicia Taylor  
Lindsey Thomas  
Tara Thompson  
Linh Ton  
Blanca Torres  
Micah Tracy  
Kelly Troiano  
Elaine Tu  
Joan Twombly  
Nancy Tyson  
Michelle Usrey  
Angela VanDonge  
Cassandra  
VanMiddlesworth  
Penny Vaughn  
Mark Vazana  
Sandra Vera Zuniga  
Jennifer Villacorta  
Terra Vineyard  
Amanda Wade  
Karen Walk  
Teri Waller  
Piyaporn Walls  
Susan Weber  
Nathan Weirauch  
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Porter  
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### Recertified certificants

Below are WCC, DWC, and OMS certificants who were recertified from April 2016 to May 2016.

Sharifa Ahmad  
Darcy Albrecht  
Geralyn Albright  
Sherronda  
Alexander  
Carrie Allen  
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Angela Altman  
Michelle Araki-  
Ikeda  
Angela Arbelaez  
Karen Asman  
Nyrie Austin  
Sandra Bails  
Rebecca Bastain  
Cathleen Bastible  
Jyotirmayee Battar  
Angela Beek  
Claudia Boehnisch-  
Reiser  
Elizabeth Boes  
Shannon Boyes  
Julie Brabant  
Leona Breakall

Dell Brown  
Vanessa Brown  
Lori Brown-  
Duncan  
Stephanie Burns  
Marzena Cabrera  
Darsi Callaway  
Terra Cameron  
Angel Carlson  
B Carter  
Julie Cebina  
Gayle Chaney  
Elise Chapman  
Wendy Chow  
Gina Clark  
Shirley Clarke  
Amy Clason  
DonnaLee Clough  
Maria Comillas  
Michelle Cox  
Pamela Cox  
Jenny Cruz Padilla  
Tricia Dausener  
Deborah Day  
Jessica Delano  
Kathryn Dettle  
Joanne Dietz  
Deborah Disney  
Leslie Doepker  
Jessica Dominguez  
Carol Dunn  
Rhonda Earley  
Janet Eden  
Barbara Egelman  
Luis Ehrman  
Marie Hope Enad  
Wendy Eppers-Ott  
Chileen Eze  
Sigrid Feldbrugge  
Jolinda Ferrell  
Deborah Finch  
Anita Finney  
Sherry Flores



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Rebecca Francisco  
Claudia Gallardo  
Jennifer Gammon  
Svetlana Ganaga  
Heidy Garcia  
Kathleen Garner  
Sukhninder  
Ghuman  
Laraika Gibbs  
Judy Gierlach  
Wendy Gores  
Kimberly Gorman  
Amber Griffin  
Amy Griffith  
Diane Guarini  
Tatyana Gurevich  
Michelle Hainline  
Athena Hallock  
Kim Harding-  
Paone  
Dianne Harris  
Steven Hartung  
Teresa Hebert  
Renee Hernandez  
Joanna Hersick  
Leah Hillenburg  
Nedra Hobbs  
Jennifer Hoelzel-  
Bouhram  
Sarah Holzinger  
Kelly Honstad  
Rebeca Hotta  
Mary Humphrey  
Bonnie Huth  
Lea Jacuzzi  
Jodi Jardine  
Erin Johnson  
Heidi Johnson  
Cheryl Jones  
Natalie Karber  
Christina Kenter  
Janelle Kettering

Donna Klein  
Shawn Klett  
Renata Kociubinski  
Amy Koehler  
Aimee Larracas  
Sandra Leamer  
Newhouse  
Laureen LeBlanc  
Patricia Lipus  
Jamie Lytle-  
Holcomb  
Vitae Magana  
Danyelle Maida  
Rowena Malolot  
Kimberlene  
Manbahal  
Kathy Mann  
Lourdes Marrero  
Diaz, MD  
Ada Martin  
Jennie Martin  
Lisa Martin  
Mary Mashak-  
La Fleur  
Portia Mathews  
Judith Maurer  
Carol Ann Maxwell  
Angela McCraw  
Michael McDermott  
Charlotte  
Medigovich  
Mary Medrano  
Kandy Mempin  
Christopher Merritt  
Mary Meyer James  
Michelle  
Montenegro  
Virginia Montez-  
Ochoa  
Dedra Moore  
Penny Mulder  
Elaine Muller  
Dawn Mullins

Donna Musser  
Christine Myers  
Susan Nastasee  
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Diane Nelson  
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Julie Norton  
Damarissa Fe  
Nychay  
Jocelyn Octaviano  
Rodney Odom  
Kefa Ogwankwa  
Vanessa Olivo-  
Echavarry  
Marni O'Neill  
Tabitha Osborne  
Wanda Owens  
Kimberly Owens  
Stephanie Owings  
Cheryl Palmer  
Linda Payne  
Kim Pearson  
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Anita Potter  
Marta Ramos  
Rivera  
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Joseph Reese  
Gloria Reynolds  
Yvonne Reynolds  
Sujeidee Rivera  
Lisa Robertson  
Barbara Robinson  
Delrose Robinson  
Denedra Robinson  
Yamilette Rodriguez  
Kirsten Rodriguez  
Michael Rohde  
Robin Rooney

Joseph Rudolph  
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Stacey Santiago  
Marcia Saunders  
Angela Schneider  
Robin Scott  
Rowena Sebastian  
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