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## President and President Elect joint message



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### Embracing our Journey

*"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."*

(Ralph Waldo Emerson)

In embracing our journey and following our path we all have people in our lives, or on the fringes of our lives, or in the media, who we admire as role models and trail blazers. No matter our religion or spiritual preference, I think, as nurses, it is pertinent to mention the work of Dame Sarah Mullally, recently elected as Archbishop of Canterbury (the most senior bishop in England). Not only is Archbishop Sarah the first female in this position but more interestingly her background is in nursing (Past Chief Nursing Officer for England). Sarah speaks of nursing providing the background she requires for her new position, the combination of "compassion, empathy, good listening and leadership skills, in helping people and communities find hope and in healing" (Sarah Mullally 2025).

This issue will be the last bulletin of the year. It is the time of year when many of us are looking to the path not yet traveled, the year ahead, which usually includes reflecting on the year gone by, on our achievements and what we might do better given the chance. Historically the WCET® has blazed the trail investigating and developing paths in many directions, but always towards the mission of our founder Norma N Gill. In this issue you will hear about our WCET® Presidents' travels to Croatia and Brazil and our NNGF® Chairs' travels to WOCNext® in the USA and NSWOCC® in Canada, and of our endeavours to continue our mission.



The WCET® Executive Board (EB) recently held their annual non-congress year hybrid meeting. We would like to thank the EB members and supporters for their hard work throughout the year, for sharing their expertise and experience, and for taking the time to put together projects towards our strategic plan and the subsequent reports, for celebrating our wins and for sharing their exciting ideas for the future. The EB would like to personally thank our President Laurent O Chabal, for his hard work, dedication, mentorship and leadership. He is currently working very hard to ensure we are prepared for when he steps down in April. I (Denise) owe Laurent a personal debt, for allowing me to walk hand-in-hand on his path, and for being such an amazing mentor.

Speaking of embracing our journey, please join us in congratulating our incoming President Elect Dr Kimberly LeBlanc of Canada on being inducted as a Fellow of the American Academy of Nurses (FAAN), what amazing recognition of her dedication and hard work. We were also very proud to hear that the Serbian Stoma Association celebrated their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we congratulate all, but in particular their President Živka Madžić and Nenad Živanović, Secretary and WCET® ID. We also congratulate long term WCET® member and ETNEP Coordinator, from Slovenia, Tadeja Krišelj, as she takes on the important position in her country as Chair of the Section of Enterostomal Therapy Nurses Association, Tadeja, you deserve your achievement, and we wish you great success.

We were all very saddened to hear that Barry, the husband of Mary Jo Kroeber (past WCET® President and PPAP member) has passed away. We send our condolences to Mary Jo and her loved ones; our prayers and thoughts are with them. We thank Fiona Bolton for sending flowers to Mary Jo on behalf of all of us and you.

We would like to thank all our members, and particularly those who have submitted their case studies and scientific articles to the WCET® Journal. Remember, you may be awarded the Dr Elizabeth A Ayello best article of the year award. We also thank those who submitted their celebrations and achievements to the bulETin; and of course all who have donated charitably to the NNGF®. We wouldn't be able to do what we do without you (please donate via our website at <https://wcetn.org/donations/>).

We are very appreciative of our International Delegates (IDs) and our ETNEP/REP Directors, for spreading the WCET® mission, vision and updates across the globe and in so doing increasing the number of WOC/ET Nurses and WCET® members. A special call out goes

to Sandra Marina Goncalves Bezerra, ID for Brazil, to SOBEST® and to Laurent for attracting 88 new members during the recent SOBEST® conference. We are in awe of the members of our WCET® committees (Education and NNGF®), who work voluntarily to innovate, motivate and impassion our members; our panel members who offer advice based on their many years of experience. We thank our supporters, in particular Richard McNair and Julie Atkinson, our patient advocates for the IOG, and our surgeon partners at the ISUCRS, our non-voting EB members, our publishing team, our accountant, bookkeeper, association management company and our IOG methodologist Dr Emily Haesler.

We say a very special thank you to NSWOC®, especially their President Dr Corey Heerschap, Catherine Harley, CEO, and Mary Hill, National Conference Planner and the members of the organising and scientific committee, from both NSWOC® and WCET®, in particular Louise (Sam) Samuel WCET® Congress Coordinator (2024–2026). You will be able to read more in this issue on Congress 2026, as we have said previously, it will be the event of the year for you, your colleagues and students. Register at <https://www.wcetnswoc2026.com>. The program is posted, and abstract submission is closed. Good luck to all poster authors, you now have the opportunity to be awarded one of the four poster awards; and to all first-time international speakers who may be awarded the Sally Gill-Thompson Award, during the Congress.

We thank and applaud our industry partners, in particular our Sustaining Journal Partners (Calmoseptine®, Convatec, Coloplast, Dansac, DeRoyal®, Hollister® and Welland), for their generosity throughout the year and especially for their sponsorship of important events and projects; for supporting the joint 2026 WCET® and NSWOC® Congress (we will elaborate more in this issue); the impending publication of the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the IOG (Hollister®); journal translation into Portuguese and Spanish (Calmoseptine®). We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Coloplast China for their previous sponsorship. They have made the decision to discontinue sponsorship of the Chinese journal translation.

We always appreciate our webinar speakers and moderators who volunteer their time. In September we were delighted to hear about female continence from guest speakers Dr Donna Bliss (USA), Jane Clark (UK) and Dr Gisella Maria (Brazil), moderated by Dr Vicki Patton (Australia). The January webinar on convexity will be held in two parts and will be based on interactive discussions with a panel of experts from our Education Committee. Thank you, in advance, to Dr Angela Bocarra Education Chair, Rose Murphree, webinar coordinator, moderator Dr Elizabeth A Ayello and panelists:



Dr Juliano Moraes (Brazil), Dr Kimberly LeBlanc (Canada), and Nenad Zivanovic (Serbia).

We appreciate the mutual benefit and support from our MOU and sister organisations, the AASTN, ASCN-UK, NSWOCC®, SOBEST®, WOCN®, APETNA, IIWCC, WUWHS, ISTAP, ICS, and our collaborative agreements with NPIAP-EPUAP-PPIPA (Int PIGDG), NPIAP, IOA, ISUCRS and our association with the ICN. We were honoured to be asked to support the EPUAP's 2025 Declaration to Stop Pressure Injuries, and Sarah Russell, Kerry Archer, the EXPASS Expert Panel and the Association of Stoma Care Nurses UK on the *Exercise and physical activity after stoma surgery: Best practice recommendations*.

In speaking of pressure injuries, we would love to hear of your activities for Worldwide Stop Pressure Ulcer/ Injury Day, which is held in November. Also, your World Ostomy Day® activities held in October of this year.

We cannot end this message without again thanking our IDs, while reminding them to submit **Country Reports before January 10<sup>th</sup> 2026**. As per our constitution they have to be uploaded to our website for members to review 90 days before the General Business Meeting, which will be held on April 27<sup>th</sup> 2026, during the Congress in Vancouver, Canada. Additionally, please prepare your national costumes for the Parade of Nations on April 24<sup>th</sup>, and your tombola/silent auction items for the NNGF® Booth.

Thank you for all you do,

Denise & Laurent

## Reference

<https://nurse.org/news/chief-nurse-to-archbishop-sarah-mullally/>

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*Thank you to Laurent O Chabal for the French Translation*

## Accueillons et vivons pleinement ce voyage

*"Il n'y a pas de chemin à suivre, allons plutôt là où il n'y en a pas et laissons une trace."*

(Ralph Waldo Emerson)

Tout au long de la vie, nous admirons des personnes modèles et qui sont des pionnières dans leur domaine, qu'elles soient dans notre entourage ou à travers les

médias et quelle que soit leur religion ou croyances. A ce propos, il me semblait pertinent de mentionner le travail de Dame Sarah Mullally qui a récemment été élue au poste d'archevêque de Canterbury (le plus haut magistrat d'Angleterre). Non seulement Archbishop Sarah est la première femme à occuper ce poste mais plus intéressant encore, elle est infirmière de formation (ancienne infirmière cheffe d'Angleterre). Sarah explique que son expérience en temps qu'infirmière lui a donné les compétences requises à son nouveau rôle, alliant "compassion, empathie, écoute et leadership permettant d'aider les personnes, comme les communautés, à trouver de l'espoir et la guérison" (Sarah Mullally 2025).

Ce dernier numéro du BULLETin est le dernier de l'année. Nombre d'entre nous profitons de ce moment pour se projeter sur l'année à venir et le chemin qui nous attends. Cela comprend de revoir le chemin parcouru, ce que nous avons pu accomplir et ce que nous aurons pu faire mieux. Historiquement WCET® a ouvert la voix en explorant et développant différentes initiatives tout en restant aligné avec la mission de notre fondatrice Norma N. Gill. Dans ce numéro vous en apprendrez plus sur les expéditions du Président du WCET® en Croatie et au Brésil, celles de la responsable de la commission NNGF® à WOCNext® aux USA et à NSWOCC® au Canada, ainsi que sur nos efforts à poursuivre notre mission.

Le Comité Exécutif (CE) du WCET® a tenu récemment sa rencontre annuelle qui s'est déroulée de façon hybride. Nous tenons à remercier chaleureusement l'ensemble des membres du CE et de nos soutiens pour leur travail conséquent réalisé tout au long de l'année, pour le partage de leurs expertises et de leurs expériences, pour les efforts et le temps consacré à l'élaboration et la réalisation de projets alignés avec notre plan stratégique ainsi que de leurs rapports qui les ont synthétisés. Merci pour avoir partagé leurs succès et leurs idées innovantes pour l'avenir. Le CE tient à remercier notre président, Laurent O. Chabal, pour son travail, son dévouement, son mentorat et son leadership. Il travaille actuellement sans relâche pour assurer la transition en vue de la fin de sa présidence. Je (Denise) lui suis particulièrement reconnaissante de m'avoir permis de cheminer à ses côtés, et pour être un mentor exceptionnel.

En parlant d'accueillir et vivre notre voyage, merci de vous joindre à nous pour féliciter notre prochaine Présidente Éluë, Dr Kimberly LeBlanc du Canada, qui a été introduite comme membre de l'Académie Américaine des Infirmières (FAAN). Quelle reconnaissance exceptionnelle pour son dévouement et son travail. Nous sommes aussi très fiers d'apprendre que l'Association de Stomathérapie Serbe a fêté ces 20 ans. Félicitation notamment à leur présidente Živka



Madžić et à Nenad Živanović, leur secrétaire et délégué international pour le WCET®. Nous tenons aussi à féliciter Tadeja Krišelj qui est membre de longue date du WCET® et directrice du programme de formation ETNEP en Slovénie pour être devenue responsable de la section des infirmier-e-s Stomathérapeute de son pays. Tadeja cette promotion est amplement méritée et vous te souhaitons plein succès.

Nous avons été très triste d'apprendre le décès de Barry, le mari de Mary Jo Kroeber (ancienne présidente du WCET® et membre du PPAP). Nous adressons toutes nos condoléances à Mary Jo et à ses proches. Nos prières et nos pensées vont vers eux. Merci à Fiona Bolton pour lui avoir envoyé des fleurs en notre nom et du votre.

Nous remercions tous nos membres, et en particulier celles et ceux qui ont soumis leurs études de cas et articles scientifiques pour le Journal du WCET®. Vous serez peut-être le/la gagnant-e du prix Dr Elizabeth A Ayello du meilleur article de l'année pour un premier auteur. Également un grand merci à celles et ceux qui ont envoyé leur célébrations et récits de succès pour le BulleTin; et bien sûr à celles et ceux qui ont fait des donations à la NNGF®. Nous ne serions pas capables de faire tout ce que nous faisons sans vous (pour contribuer, merci de donner via notre site web: <https://wcetn.org/donations/>).

Nous sommes très reconnaissants du travail effectué par nos Délégués Internationaux (DIs) et nos Directeurs de ETNEP/REP qui contribuent à la diffusion de notre mission et vision, ainsi qu'à faire connaître les actualités du WCET®. Elles/Ils permettent ainsi d'accroître le nombre de Stomathérapeutes de par le monde. Un remerciement tout particulier à Sandra Maria Goncalves Bezzer, déléguée internationale du Brésil, à SOBEST® et à Laurent, pour avoir recruté 88 nouveaux membres lors du dernier congrès biennal de SOBEST®. Nous admirons le travail réalisé par les membres de nos Commissions (Éducation et NNGF®) qui œuvrent bénévolement en innovant, inspirant et encourageant nos membres. De même pour les membres de nos Commissions Consultatives qui nous partagent leurs précieux conseils fort de leurs années d'expériences. Nous tenons à remercier chaleureusement nos supporteurs, tout particulièrement Richard McNair et Julie Atkinson portant la voix de personnes vivant avec une stomie au sein du Comité Éditorial de nos recommandations internationales pour les soins aux personnes stomisées (IOG), nos partenaires chirurgiens colorectaux de l'association ISCIRS, les membres participants au CE mais qui n'ont pas le droit de vote, notre équipe éditoriale et éditeur du Journal et du BulleTin, notre comptable et vérificateur des comptes, notre compagnie de management et notre méthodologiste de l'IOG, la Dresse Emily Haesler.

Nous voulons aussi remercier chaleureusement NSWOC® et notamment leur président Dr Corey Heerschap, Catherine Harley, leur CEO, Mary Hill, la planificatrice de leurs congrès nationaux, ainsi que tous les membres de la Commission d'organisation et scientifique rassemblait des membres venant tant de NSWOC® et du WCET® dont Louis (Sam) Samuel, Coordinatrice du Congrès du WCET® 2024-2026, fait partie. Dans ce numéro vous en apprendrez plus sur ce congrès, et comme nous l'avons dit précédemment ce sera l'évènement de l'année pour tous, vous, vos collègues et vos étudiants. Le lien pour s'y inscrire est: <https://www.wcet-nswocc2026.com>. Son programme est maintenant en ligne et l'appel aux résumés terminé. Bonne chance à tous les auteurs pour des posters puisque vous pourrez avoir l'opportunité d'être l'un des quatre auteurs pour les meilleurs posters à recevoir un prix, et à tous les premiers orateurs internationaux de pouvoir obtenir le prix Sally Gill-Thompson ; prix qui seront attribués et donnés lors de l'évènement.

Nous remercions vivement nos partenaires de l'industrie, et tout particulièrement nos partenaires pour la publication du Journal (Calmoseptine®, Convatec, Coloplast, Dansac, DeRoyal®, Hollister® and Welland) pour leur généreux soutien tout au long de l'année, et notamment pour leur soutien à des événements et des projets importants: pour le soutien au congrès jumelé entre le WCET® et NSWOC® en 2026, la publication imminente de la 3<sup>ème</sup> édition de l'IOG (Hollister®), et pour les traductions du Journal en portugais et en espagnol (Calmoseptine®). Nous prenons l'opportunité de remercier Coloplast Chine pour leur soutien antérieur, puisqu'ils ont pris la décision de ne plus sponsoriser la traduction Chinoise du Journal.

Nous sommes toujours reconnaissant aux orateurs et modérateurs de nos séminaires en ligne qui donnent leur temps libre. En septembre dernier nous avons eu le plaisir d'en savoir plus sur les troubles de la continence chez la femme. Merci à Dr Donna Bliss des USA, à Jane Clark des UK et à Dr Gisella Maria du Brésil pour leurs présentations, et à Dr Vicky Patton d'Australie pour sa modération. Ce janvier un séminaire en lien avec la convexité se tiendra en deux parties et se basera sur la discussion interactive entre des membres de la Commission Éducation. Merci par avance à Dr Angela Boccara, responsable de la Commission, à Rose Murphree, coordinatrice de ce séminaire, à Dr Elizabeth A Ayello qui en sera la modératrice, et à nos intervenants Dr Juliano Moraes (Brésil), Dr Kimberly LeBlanc (Canada), et Nenad Zivanovic (Serbie).



Nous apprécions le soutien et bénéfice mutuel que nous développons par des MOU avec des organisations partenaires telles que AASTN, ASCN-UK, NSWOC®, SOBEST®, WOCN®, APETNA, IIWCC, WUWHS, ISTAP, et ICS, ainsi que nos accords avec NPIAP-EPUAP-PPIPA (Int PIGDG), NPIAP, IOA, ISUCRS et ICN. Nous avons été honorés d'avoir pu soutenir la déclaration de l'EPUAP 2025 sur l'arrêt des lésions de pression, ainsi que l'EXPASS sur les exercices physiques après une chirurgie amenant à la confection d'une stomie, document développé par Sarah Russel, Kerry Archer le groupe de travail EXPASS et association Anglaise des Stomathérapeutes.

En parlant de lésions de pression, nous serions très intéressés de savoir ce que vous avez pu faire pour la Journée Mondiale de l'arrêt des Escarres qui s'est tenue ce novembre, de même pour la Journée Mondiale des personnes stomisées qui, elle, s'est déroulée en octobre dernier.

Nous ne pouvions pas finir ce message sans remercier nos DIs, profitant de l'occasion pour rappeler que vos Rapports Biennaux doivent nous parvenir avant le 10 Janvier 2026, puisque selon notre constitution ces derniers doivent être mis en ligne au moins 90 jours avant la prochaine assemblée Générale qui se tiendra le 27 avril 2026, lors du congrès de Vancouver au Canada. De plus, merci par avance de préparer vos costumes nationaux pour la Parade des Nations qui se tiendra le 24 avril, ainsi que pour amener des lots au stand de la NNGF® pour notre tombola.

Merci pour tous ce que vous faites.

Denise & Laurent

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*Thank you to Dr Angela Boccara for the Portuguese (Brazilian Translation)*

## Abraçando Nossa Jornada

"Não siga por onde o caminho pode levar; vá, em vez disso, por onde não há caminho e deixe uma trilha."

*(Ralph Waldo Emerson)*

Ao abraçarmos nossa jornada e seguirmos nosso caminho, todos nós temos pessoas em nossas vidas — ou nas margens delas, ou ainda na mídia — que admiramos como modelos e desbravadores. Independentemente de nossa religião ou crença espiritual, creio que, como enfermeiros, é pertinente mencionar o trabalho de Dame Sarah Mullally, recentemente eleita Arcebispa da Cantuária (a mais alta autoridade da Igreja da Inglaterra). Archbishop Sarah é a primeira mulher a ocupar essa posição, mas o mais interessante é que sua formação é em enfermagem (ela foi Chefe de Enfermagem da Inglaterra). Sarah afirma que a enfermagem lhe deu a base necessária para seu novo papel, ao combinar compaixão, empatia, boa escuta e habilidades de liderança, ajudando pessoas e comunidades a encontrar esperança e cura (Sarah Mullally, 2025).

Esta edição será o último boletim do ano. É aquele momento em que muitos de nós olhamos para o caminho ainda não trilhado, para o ano que se aproxima, o que geralmente inclui uma reflexão sobre o que passou — nossas conquistas e o que poderíamos ter feito melhor, se tivéssemos uma nova chance. Historicamente, o WCET® tem aberto trilhas e desenvolvido caminhos em diversas direções, sempre voltado à missão de nossa fundadora, Norma N. Gill. Nesta edição, você lerá sobre as viagens de nossas presidentes do WCET® à Croácia e ao Brasil; das viagens de nossas presidentes do NNGF® aos eventos WOCNext® (EUA) e NSWOC® (Canadá); e de nossos esforços contínuos para prosseguir nossa missão.

O Conselho Executivo (EB) do WCET® realizou recentemente sua reunião anual híbrida (ano sem congresso). Agradecemos aos membros e apoiadores do EB por todo o trabalho árduo ao longo do ano — por compartilharem sua experiência e conhecimento, elaborarem projetos estratégicos, celebrarem nossas conquistas e apresentarem ideias inspiradoras para o futuro.

O EB agradece, de modo especial, ao nosso Presidente Laurent O. Chabal, por sua dedicação, mentoria e liderança. Ele tem trabalhado intensamente para garantir uma transição organizada quando deixar o cargo em abril. Eu, Denise, devo um agradecimento pessoal ao Laurent — por permitir que eu caminhasse ao seu lado e por ser um mentor excepcional.

Falando em abraçar nossa jornada, convidamos todos a parabenizar nossa futura presidente, Dra. Kimberly LeBlanc (Canadá), por ter sido nomeada Fellow da American Academy of Nursing (FAAN) — um reconhecimento incrível por sua dedicação e trabalho. Também ficamos muito orgulhosos em saber que a

Associação Sérvia de Estomizados celebrou seu 20º aniversário — nossos parabéns a todos, especialmente à presidente Živka Madžić e ao secretário Nenad Živanović, também Delegado Internacional do WCET®. Parabenizamos ainda a Tadeja Krišelj, membro de longa data do WCET® e coordenadora do ETNEP (Eslovênia), que agora assume o cargo de Presidente da Seção de Enfermeiros em Estomaterapia de seu país. Parabéns, Tadeja — você merece este reconhecimento e desejamos grande sucesso!

Ficamos profundamente tristes ao saber do falecimento de Barry, marido de Mary Jo Kroeber (ex-presidente do WCET® e membro do PPAP). Enviamos nossas condolências a Mary Jo e seus entes queridos; nossas orações e pensamentos estão com eles. Agradecemos a Fiona Bolton por ter enviado flores em nome de todos nós.

Agradecemos a todos os membros, especialmente àqueles que enviaram estudos de caso e artigos científicos ao WCET® Journal — lembrem-se de que o Prêmio Dra. Elizabeth A Ayello pode reconhecer o melhor artigo do ano. Agradecemos também aos que compartilharam conquistas e celebrações com o bulLETin, e aos que contribuíram financeiramente com o NNGF® — nada do que fazemos seria possível sem vocês (doações podem ser feitas em <https://wcetn.org/donations/>).

Temos grande apreço por nossos Delegados Internacionais (IDs) e Diretores ETNEP/REP, que difundem a missão e a visão do WCET® pelo mundo, ampliando o número de enfermeiros ET/WOC e membros do WCET®. Um destaque especial para Sandra Marina Gonçalves Bezerra, ID do Brasil, para a SOBEST® e para Laurent, que juntos atraíram 88 novos membros durante o congresso da Associação Brasileira de Estomaterapia : estomias, feridas e incontinência SOBEST®. Aplaudimos também os membros dos Comitês do WCET® (Educação e NNGF®), que trabalham voluntariamente com inovação e entusiasmo, e aos membros dos painéis que compartilham sua sabedoria de longa data. Agradecemos a todos os colaboradores e apoiadores, especialmente Richard McNair e Julie Atkinson (defensores de pacientes do IOG), nossos parceiros cirurgiões da ISUCRS, e também aos nossos membros sem direito a voto do EB, à equipe editorial, contador, empresa de gestão associativa e à metodologista Dra. Emily Haesler.

Um agradecimento especial à NSWOCC®, em especial ao presidente Dr Corey Heerschap, à Catherine Harley (CEO), à Mary Hill (planejadora do congresso) e aos membros das comissões organizadora e científica — tanto da NSWOCC® quanto do WCET® — com destaque

para Louise (Sam) Samuel, Coordenadora do Congresso WCET® (2024–2026). Nesta edição há mais informações sobre o Congresso 2026, que promete ser o evento do ano para você, seus colegas e alunos (inscrições em <https://www.wcet-nswocc2026.com>). O programa já está publicado e as submissões de resumos foram encerradas. Boa sorte aos autores de pôsteres — quatro prêmios serão concedidos — e aos palestrantes internacionais estreantes, que poderão receber o Prêmio Sally Gill-Thompson durante o congresso.

Agradecemos e aplaudimos nossos parceiros da indústria, especialmente os parceiros permanentes do Journal (Calmoseptine®, Convatec, Coloplast, Dansac, DeRoyal®, Hollister® e Welland), por sua generosidade ao longo do ano, patrocinando eventos e projetos importantes; apoiando o Congresso conjunto WCET® & NSWOCC® 2026; a publicação da 3ª edição do IOG (Hollister®); e a tradução do Journal para português e espanhol (Calmoseptine®). Aproveitamos para agradecer à Coloplast China por seu apoio anterior — eles decidiram encerrar o patrocínio da tradução chinesa do Journal.

Agradecemos também aos palestrantes e moderadores de webinars, que doam seu tempo generosamente. Em setembro, ouvimos com entusiasmo sobre continência feminina, com Dr Donna Bliss (USA), Jane Clark (UK) e Dra. Gisella Maria (Brasil), moderadas pela Dra. Vicki Patton (Austrália). O webinar de Janeiro será sobre estomias, com foco na Convexidade, dividido em duas partes, com discussões interativas e um painel de especialistas do Comitê de Educação. Agradecimento especial à Dra. Angela Bocarra (Presidente do Comitê de Educação), Rose Murphree (Coordenadora de Webinars), Dra. Elizabeth A Ayello (Moderadora) e aos palestrantes: Dr Juliano Moraes (Brasil), Dra. Kimberly LeBlanc (Canadá) e Nenad Zivanovic (Sérvia).

Valorizamos o apoio mútuo com nossas organizações-irmãs e signatárias de Memorandos de Entendimento (MOU) — AASTN, ASCN-UK, NSWOCC®, SOBEST®, WOCN®, APETNA, IIWCC, WUWHS, ISTAP, ICS, e os acordos colaborativos com NPIAP-EPUAP-PPIPA (Int PIGDG), NPIAP, IOA, ISUCRS e nossa associação com o ICN. Ficamos honrados em apoiar a Declaração 2025 da EPUAP para Parar as Lesões por Pressão, e também o trabalho de Sarah Russell, Kerry Archer o painel EXPASS, e Associação de Enfermeiros de Estomia do Reino Unido, nas Recomendações de Boas Práticas sobre Exercício e Atividade Física após Cirurgia de Estomia.

Falando em lesões por pressão, gostaríamos de conhecer suas atividades do Dia Mundial de Prevenção de Lesões por Pressão, em novembro, e também as ações do Dia Mundial da Pessoa com Estomia©,

realizado em outubro.

Encerramos esta mensagem agradecendo novamente aos Delegados Internacionais, lembrando-os de enviar seus Relatórios Nacionais até 10 de janeiro de 2026, conforme o estatuto — eles devem ser publicados no site 90 dias antes da Reunião Geral de Negócios, que acontecerá em 27 de abril de 2026, durante o Congresso em Vancouver, Canadá. Além disso, preparem seus trajes típicos nacionais para o Desfile das Nações (24 de abril) e seus itens para o leilão silencioso/tômbola no estande do NNGF®.

Obrigada por tudo o que fazem

Denise & Laurent

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### **Abrazando nuestro camino**

*"No vayas donde el camino te lleve, ve en cambio donde no hay camino y deja una huella."*

(Ralph Waldo Emerson)

Al abrazar nuestra jornada y seguir nuestro propio camino, todos tenemos personas en nuestras vidas, en los márgenes de ellas o en los medios de comunicación, a quienes admiramos como modelos a seguir y pioneros. Independientemente de nuestra religión o preferencia espiritual, creo que como enfermeras es pertinente mencionar la labor de Dame Sarah Mullally, recientemente elegida Arzobispa de Canterbury (la obispa de mayor rango en Inglaterra). Archbishop Sarah no solo es la primera mujer en ocupar este cargo, sino que, aún más interesante, su formación es en enfermería (ex jefa de Enfermería de Inglaterra). Sarah afirma que la enfermería le proporcionó la base necesaria para su nuevo puesto: la combinación de "compasión, empatía, capacidad de escucha y liderazgo, para ayudar a las personas y comunidades a encontrar esperanza y sanación" (Sarah Mullally, 2025).

Este número será el último boletín del año. Es la época del año en que muchos de nosotros miramos hacia el futuro, hacia el año que viene, lo que suele incluir

reflexionar sobre el año que termina, nuestros logros y cómo podríamos mejorar si tuviéramos la oportunidad. Históricamente, la WCET® ha sido pionera en la investigación y el desarrollo de caminos en diversas direcciones, siempre en pos de la misión de nuestra fundadora, Norma N. Gill. En este número, conocerán los viajes de nuestros presidentes de la WCET® a Croacia y Brasil, y los viajes de nuestros presidentes de la NNGF® a WOCNext® en EE. UU. y NSWOC® en Canadá, así como nuestros esfuerzos por continuar con nuestra misión.

El directorio ejecutivo de la WCET® (EB) celebró recientemente su reunión anual híbrida, correspondiente a un año sin congreso. Queremos agradecer a los miembros y colaboradores de la Junta Directiva por su arduo trabajo durante todo el año, por compartir su experiencia y conocimientos, y por dedicar tiempo a la elaboración de proyectos para nuestro plan estratégico y los informes correspondientes, por celebrar nuestros logros y por compartir sus ideas innovadoras para el futuro. La Junta Directiva desea agradecer personalmente a nuestro Presidente, Laurent O. Chabal, por su dedicación, mentoría y liderazgo ejemplar. Actualmente trabaja arduamente para asegurar una transición fluida cuando deje el cargo en abril. Yo (Denise) le debo mucho a Laurent por permitirme acompañarlo en su camino y por ser un mentor excepcional.

Hablando de celebrar nuestro camino, les invitamos a unirse a nosotros para felicitar a nuestra presidenta electa, la Dra. Kimberly LeBlanc de Canadá, por su ingreso como miembro de la Academia Americana de Enfermeras (FAAN). ¡Qué increíble reconocimiento a su dedicación y arduo trabajo! También nos enorgullece saber que la Asociación Serbia de Estomas celebró su 20.º aniversario. Felicitamos a todos, pero en especial a su presidenta, Živka Madžić, y a Nenad Živanović, secretario y miembro de WCET®. Asimismo, felicitamos a Tadeja Krišelj, miembro de larga trayectoria de WCET® y coordinadora de ETNEP, de Eslovenia, por asumir el importante cargo de presidenta de la Sección de la Asociación de Enfermeras de Terapia Enterostomal en su país. Tadeja, te mereces este logro y te deseamos mucho éxito.

Nos entristeció profundamente enterarnos del fallecimiento de Barry, esposo de Mary Jo Kroeber (expresidenta de WCET® y miembro de PPAP). Enviamos nuestras condolencias a Mary Jo y sus seres queridos; nuestros pensamientos y oraciones están con ellos. Agradecemos a Fiona Bolton el envío de flores a Mary Jo en nombre de todos nosotros y de ustedes.

Queremos agradecer a todos nuestros miembros, y en especial a quienes han enviado sus estudios de caso



y artículos científicos a la revista WCET®. Recuerden que pueden optar al premio al mejor artículo del año, otorgado por la Dra. Elizabeth A Ayello. También agradecemos a quienes compartieron sus celebraciones y logros en el *bulletin*; y, por supuesto, a todos los que han realizado donaciones a la NNGF®. No podríamos llevar a cabo nuestra labor sin ustedes (pueden donar a través de nuestra página web: <https://wcetn.org/donations/>).

Agradecemos profundamente a nuestros Delegados Internacionales (DI) y a nuestros Directores de ETNEP/REP por difundir la misión, la visión y las novedades de WCET® en todo el mundo, incrementando así el número de enfermeras/os WOC/ET y miembros de la organización WCET®. Un reconocimiento especial a Sandra Marina Goncalves Bezerra, DI de Brasil, a SOBEST® y a Laurent por haber atraído a 88 nuevos miembros durante la reciente conferencia de SOBEST®. Nos sentimos profundamente agradecidos por los miembros de nuestros comités de WCET® (Educación y NNGF®), quienes trabajan voluntariamente para innovar, motivar e inspirar a nuestros miembros; y por nuestros panelistas, que ofrecen asesoramiento basado en sus muchos años de experiencia. Agradecemos a nuestros colaboradores, en particular a Richard McNair y Julie Atkinson, defensores de los pacientes del IOG, y a nuestros cirujanos asociados del ISUCRS, a los miembros de la Junta Directiva sin derecho a voto, al equipo editorial, a nuestro contador, administrador, a la empresa gestora de la asociación y a la Dra. Emily Haesler, metodóloga del IOG.

Un agradecimiento muy especial a NSWOCC®, en especial a su presidente, el Dr Corey Heerschap; a Catherine Harley, directora ejecutiva; a Mary Hill, planificadora de la Conferencia Nacional; y a los miembros del comité organizador y científico, tanto de NSWOCC® como de WCET®, en particular a Louise (Sam) Samuel, coordinadora del Congreso de WCET® (2024-2026). En este número encontrarán más información sobre el Congreso de 2026. Como ya hemos mencionado, será el evento del año para ustedes, sus colegas y estudiantes. (Inscríbanse en <https://www.wcet-nswocc2026.com>). El programa ya está publicado y el plazo para la presentación de resúmenes ha finalizado. ¡Mucha suerte a todos los autores de pósteres! Ahora tienen la oportunidad de recibir uno de los cuatro premios a los mejores pósteres; y a todos los ponentes internacionales que participan por primera vez, quienes podrían recibir el Premio Sally Gill-Thompson durante el congreso.

Agradecemos y felicitamos a nuestros socios de la industria, en particular a nuestros patrocinadores de revistas (Calmoseptine®, Convatec, Coloplast, Dansac, DeRoyal®, Hollister® y Welland), por su generosidad

durante todo el año y, especialmente, por su patrocinio de importantes eventos y proyectos; por su apoyo al Congreso conjunto WCET® y NSWOCC® de 2026 (ampliaremos esta información en este número); por la próxima publicación de la 3.ª edición de la IOG (Hollister®); y por la traducción de la revista al portugués y al español (Calmoseptine®). Aprovechamos esta oportunidad para agradecer a Coloplast China su anterior patrocinio; sin embargo, han decidido dejar de patrocinar la traducción de la revista al chino.

Nuestro sincero agradecimiento a los ponentes y moderadores de seminarios web, quienes voluntariamente ofrecen su tiempo y experiencia. En septiembre tuvimos el placer de escuchar las ponencias sobre continencia femenina de las Dras. Donna Bliss (USA), Jane Clark (UK) y Gisella Maria (Brasil), moderadas por la Dra. Vicki Patton (Australia). El seminario web de Enero sobre convexidad se dividirá en dos partes y consistirá en debates interactivos con un panel de expertos de nuestro Comité de Educación. Agradecemos de antemano a la Dra. Angela Bocarra, presidenta del Comité de Educación; a Rose Murphree, coordinadora del seminario web; a la Dra. Elizabeth A Ayello, moderadora; y a los panelistas: el Dr Juliano Moraes (Brasil), la Dra. Kimberly LeBlanc (Canadá) y Nenad Zivanovic (Serbia).

Agradecemos el beneficio mutuo y el apoyo de nuestro Memorando de Entendimiento y organizaciones hermanas: AASTN, ASCN-UK, NSWOCC®, SOBEST®, WOCN®, APETNA, IIWCC, WUWHS, ISTAP, ICS, así como nuestros acuerdos de colaboración con NPIAP-EPUAP-PPIPA (Int PIGDG), NPIAP, IOA, ISUCRS y nuestra asociación con el CIE. Nos sentimos honrados de que se nos solicitara apoyar la Declaración 2025 de la EPUAP para la Prevención de Lesiones por Presión, y a Sarah Russell, Kerry Archer, el Panel de Expertos de EXPASS, y el de la Asociación de Enfermeras de Cuidado de Estomas del Reino Unido, sobre el Ejercicio y la Actividad Física Después de la Cirugía de Estoma: Recomendaciones de Buenas Prácticas.

En relación con las lesiones por presión, nos encantaría conocer sus actividades para el Día Mundial para la Prevención de Úlceras/Lesiones por Presión, que se celebra en noviembre. Asimismo, nos interesa conocer sus actividades para el Día Mundial de la Ostomía®, que se celebra en octubre de este año.

No podemos finalizar este mensaje sin agradecer nuevamente a nuestros Representantes Internacionales y recordarles que deben presentar sus Informes Nacionales antes del 10 de enero de 2026. Según nuestros estatutos, deben subirlos a nuestro sitio web para que los miembros los revisen 90 días antes de



la Asamblea General, que se celebrará el 27 de abril de 2026 durante el Congreso en Vancouver, Canadá. Asimismo, les pedimos que preparen sus trajes típicos para el Desfile de las Naciones del 24 de abril y sus artículos para la tómbola/subasta silenciosa para el stand de la NNGF®.

Gracias por todo lo que hacen.

Denise y Laurent

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## 拥抱我们的旅程

“不要走别人走过的路，走别人没走过的路并留下自己的足迹。”

(Ralph Waldo Emerson)

在人生旅程中，每个人都会遇到一些值得我们敬仰的人。他们或是我们生活中的边缘人物，或是媒体上的名人，他们都是我们学习的榜样和开拓者。无论我们的宗教信仰或精神追求如何，我认为作为护士，都应该提及Dame Sarah Mullally的贡献。她最近当选为坎特伯雷大主教（英格兰最高级别的主教）。Sarah不仅是首位担任此职的女性，更令人瞩目的是，她的背景正是护理（曾任英格兰首席护理官）。Archbishop Sarah认为，护理为她胜任的新职位提供了必要的背景，即“同情心、同理心、良好的倾听能力和领导才能，能够帮助人们和社区找到希望，获得治愈” (Sarah Mullally 2025)。

本期将是今年最后一期简报。每到年底，许多人都会展望未来，思考新的一年，这也包括回顾过去的一年，总结我们取得的成就，以及思考如果再有可能会，如何可以做得更好。历史上，WCET® 一直勇于开拓，探索和向不同的方向发展，但始终不忘创始人 Norma N Gill 的使命。在本期简报中，您将了解到 WCET® 主席前往克罗地亚和巴西的行程，以及 NNGF® 主席前往美国参加 WOCNext® 和前往加拿大参加 NSWOC® 的行程，以及我们为继续履行使命所作的努力。

WCET® 执行委员会 (EB) 近期召开了年度的线上线下混合会议。我们衷心感谢执行委员会成员和支持者一年来的辛勤付出，分享他们的专业知识和经

验，并抽出时间参与战略规划及后续报告的各项工  
作；庆祝我们所取得的成就，和分享他们对未来的美好愿景。执行委员会尤其要感谢主席Laurent O Chabal的辛勤工作、奉献精神、指导和领导，他目前正全力以赴地确保我们为他四月份的卸任做好准备。我 (Denise) 由衷感谢Laurent，感谢他让我有机会与他并肩前行，他是一位杰出的导师。

说到拥抱我们的旅程，请与我们一同祝贺即将上任的加拿大候任主席 Kimberly LeBlanc博士荣获美国护理科学院院士 (FAAN) 称号，这是对她的奉献和辛勤工作的最佳肯定。我们也非常自豪地获悉塞尔维亚造口协会庆祝成立20周年，在此向所有成员表示祝贺。尤其要祝贺协会主席Živka Madžić和秘书兼WCET® ID Nenad Živanović。此外，我们还要祝贺来自斯洛文尼亚的长期WCET® 会员兼ETNEP协调员Tadeja Krišelj女士，她将担任斯洛文尼亚造口治疗护士协会分会主席这一重要职务。Tadeja实至名归，我们祝愿您取得巨大成功。

得知Mary Jo Kroeber (前WCET® 主席及PPAP成员) 的丈夫Barry去世的消息，我们都深感悲痛。我们向Mary Jo Kroeber及其亲人致以最深切的慰问，并为他们祈祷。感谢Fiona Bolton代表我们和您向Mary Jo送上鲜花问候。

我们衷心感谢所有会员，尤其感谢那些向WCET® 期刊投稿案例和科研文章的会员。请记住，您将有机会获得Elizabeth A Ayello博士的年度最佳文章奖。我们还要感谢那些向公告提交庆祝活动和成就的会员；当然，还要感谢所有向NNGF® 捐款的会员，没有你们的支持，我们就无法开展工作（请通过我们的网站<https://wcetn.org/donations/> 进行捐赠）。

我们非常感谢各位国际代表 (ID) 和ETNEP/REP主持人，感谢他们在全球传播WCET® 的使命、愿景和最新动态，从而增加了WOC/ET护士和WCET® 会员的数量。特别感谢巴西国际代表Sandra Marina Goncalves Bezerra、SOBEST® 以及Laurent，他们在最近的SOBEST® 大会上成功吸纳了88位新会员。我们对WCET® 委员会（教育委员会和NNGF® 委员会）的成员深表敬意，他们自愿奉献，致力于创新、激励和鼓舞我们的会员；也感谢各位专家组成员，他们凭借多年的经验提供宝贵建议。我们感谢我们的支持者，特别是 IOG 的病人倡导者 Richard McNair 和 Julie Atkinson，以及 ISUCRS 的外科医生合作伙伴；非投票执行委员会成员，出版团队，会计师、簿记员、协会管理公司以及IOG 方法学家 Emily Haesler 博士。

我们在此特别感谢NSWOC®，尤其是主席Corey Heerschap博士、首席执行官Catherine Harley、全国会议策划人Mary Hill以及NSWOC® 和WCET® 组织委员会和科学委员会成员，特别是WCET® 大会协调员 (2024-2026) Louise (Sam) Samuel。您可以在本期杂志中阅读更多关于2026年大会的

信息。正如我们之前所说，这将是您、您的同僚和学员的年度盛会，请在以下网站 <https://www.wcet-nswocc2026.com> 进行注册。会议日程已发布，摘要提交已截止。祝所有海报作者好运，你们将有机会获得四个海报奖项之一；也祝所有首次在国际会议上发言的演讲者好运，他们也有机会在大会获得 Sally Gill-Thompson 奖。

我们衷心感谢并赞扬我们的厂商合作伙伴，特别是我们的长期期刊合作伙伴 (Calmoseptine®、Convatec、Coloplast、Dansac、DeRoyal®、Hollister® 和 Welland)；感谢他们一年来的慷慨支持，尤其对重要活动和项目的赞助。也感谢他们对 2026 年 WCET® 和 NSWOCC® 联合大会的支持（在本期杂志中将有详细介绍）；和即将出版的第三版 IOG (Hollister®) 以及期刊的翻译 翻译成葡萄牙语和西班牙语 (Calmoseptine®)。我们还要借此机会感谢 Coloplast 中国之前的赞助，但他们已决定停止对中文期刊翻译的赞助。

我们一直非常感谢各位网络研讨会演讲嘉宾和主持人，抽出宝贵的时间参与。九月份，我们荣幸地邀请到三位演讲嘉宾，包括来自美国的 Donna Bliss 博士、英国 Jane Clark 和巴西的 Gisella Maria 博士，研讨会主题是女性尿失禁，由澳大利亚的 Vicki Patton 博士主持。一月的网络研讨会将以凸面底板为主题。会议将分为两部分，由我们教育委员会的专家小组，以互动讨论的形式进行交流。在此，我们感谢教育委员会主席 Angela Bocarra 博士、网络研讨会协调员 Rose Murphree、主持人 Elizabeth A Ayello 博士以及以下专家小组成员：来自巴西的 Juliano Moraes 博士、加拿大的 Kimberly LeBlanc 博士、以及塞尔维亚的 Nenad Zivanovic。

我们感谢 MOU 及姊妹组织，包括 AASTN、ASCN-UK、NSWOCC®、SOBEST®、WOCN®、APETNA、IIWCC、WUWHS、ISTAP、ICS 的互相支持，以及我们与 NPIAP-EPUAP-PPIPA（国际压力性损伤小组）、NPIAP、IOA、ISUCRS 和 ICN 协会的合作协议。我们很荣幸受邀支持 EPUAP 的《2025 年停止压力性损伤宣言》，以及由英国造口护理护士协会支助，由 Sarah Russell、Kerry Archer

和 EXPASS 专家小组指导关于《造口手术后运动和身体活动：最佳实践建议》的工作。

说到压力性损伤，我们很想了解您在 11 月举行的“世界停止压力性溃疡 / 损伤日”，以及今年 10 月举行的“世界造口日”的相关活动。

在结束这信息之前，我们再次感谢各位国际代表，并提醒各位在 2026 年 1 月 10 日之前提交国家报告。根据我们的章程，此报告必须上传至我们的网站，供会员在 2026 年 4 月 27 日于加拿大温哥华举行的全体大会召开前 90 天审阅。此外，请各位准备好参加 4 月 24 日国家检阅的民族服装，以及 NNGF® 展位的抽奖 / 无声拍卖。

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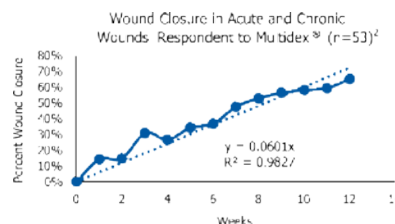
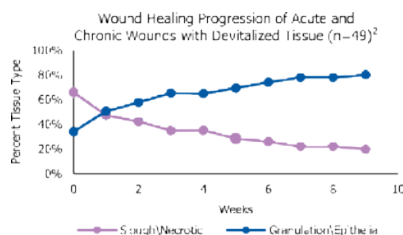


↑ TGF-β1  
↑ Gelatinase

↑ MMP-1  
↓ TIMP-1

- » Promoted wound healing in chronic venous leg ulcers<sup>1</sup>
- » Multidex® mimics in vivo wound behavior related to TGFβ1, MMP-1, and TIMP-1 expressions<sup>1</sup>
- » Multidex® increases gelatinase activity to promote collagen turnover<sup>1</sup>

### Proven Efficacy: Multidex® Maltodextrin Wound Dressings Stimulate Wound Healing



- » 73 wounds of various etiologies in a prospective case series<sup>2</sup>
  - 75% greater than 70 years of age
  - 90% had comorbidities documented to impair wound healing
- » Excellent autolytic debridement observed with study dressing<sup>2</sup>
  - Supports use in the debridement process to remove all types of necrotic tissue
- » Observed overall improvement in chronic, difficult-to-heal wounds<sup>2</sup>

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#### Multidex® Maltodextrin Gel Wound Dressings

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46-711	¼ fl. oz.	10/Bx, 3 Bx/Cs	30/Cs
46-710	½ fl. oz.	10/Bx, 3 Bx/Cs	30/Cs
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46-712	3 fl. oz.	6/Bx, 6 Bx/Cs	36/Cs

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46-701	45 gm.	6/Bx, 6 Bx/Cs	36/Cs

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## Congratulations:

**WCET® Congratulates Dr Kimberly Leblanc on being inducted as a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing (FAAN)**



*Dr Kimberly Leblanc is presented with FAAN on Saturday, October 18, 2025, by Dr Debra J Barksdale, President of the AAN*

### **Tadeja Krišelj nominated as President of the Enterostomal Therapy Slovenia Section**

We join the Slovenian Section of Nurses in Enterostomal Therapy in congratulating WCET® Member from the University Medical Centre, Ljubljana ETNEP, Tadeja Krišelj, on being voted in as President of the Section, succeeding Renata Batas, who was President from 2016–2025. We wish Tadeja great success in her new position.



*Tadeja Krišelj, RN, BScOrg, ET, Head of the WOC Enterostomal Nursing Education Course, University Medical Centre Ljubljana, Becomes President of the Slovenian Section of Nurses in Enterostomal Therapy*

## WCET® welcomes new International Delegates (IDs):

### **For Slovenia: Urška Vernik**



*Urška Vernik, ID Slovenia*  
Urška Vernik is an experienced Enterostomal Therapist and Registered Nurse with more than 12 years of continuous practice supporting patients within abdominal and colorectal surgery. She specialises in advanced ostomy, wound, and continence care, with a strong focus on patient education, multidisciplinary collaboration, and high-quality clinical outcomes. She is also an active participant in Slovenia and is motivated to promote Slovenia on a global level as a WCET® International Delegate.

### **For the United Kingdom: Natasha Rolls**



*Natasha Rolls, ID United Kingdom*

Natasha Rolls RN, Community Non-Medical Prescriber and Lead Stoma Care Nurse at Bristol Royal Infirmary and Weston Hospitals, has been involved with patients with stomas for over a decade. Natasha is past ASCN-UK Treasurer and is currently in the Chairperson position.

## Updated Tri-Specialty Logos

The updated Tri-Specialty (Wound, Ostomy and Continence) Logos have been developed to facilitate understanding of the WCET®'s background in global WOC Education and Leadership. We believe this Tri-Specialty Logo initiative will help promote WCET® membership, sponsorship, and the promotion of WCET® as a Tri-Specialty organization, so facilitating and driving our true mission and vision. They will be utilized to compliment the WCET® Logo.







## Joint Congress update

### WCET® and NSWOC® Joint Congress: Be inspired in a collaborative environment!



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CAN  
CEO NSWOC®



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BScN, RN, NSWOC,  
WOCC(C), IIWCC  
NSWOC® President



Sam-Louise Samuel,  
RN, NSWOC  
WCET® Congress  
Coordinator 2024–  
2026



Mary Hill, MN,  
BScN, RN, NSWOC,  
WOCC(C), FNSWOC

### NSWOC®, National Conference planning

Are you ready to be inspired at the forefront of global wound, ostomy and continence management education? You have the right to get excited! The WCET® and NSWOC® Joint Congress, **Moving Mountains to Create a Better World of Wound, Ostomy and Continence Care** is coming soon, April 24–28, 2026. With Vancouver's idyllic background of sea and mountains, be prepared to be amazed with the splendour of the geography and the comprehensive educational program. We are bringing together top experts, innovators, industry leaders and your peers to explore the latest trends, challenges, and opportunities in wound, ostomy and continence. This joint congress will impact your knowledge, your skills, and will build your global network of aligned healthcare professionals.



Vancouver Convention Center by day and by night



Vancouver Convention Center

The very special benefit in attending this Worldwide Congress is the incredible opportunity to share and learn from different cultural and historical perspectives. We invite you to open your hearts and minds and soak up the richness brought to you from around the world. Taking what you have experienced back home to your practice will add value to the care you provide for individuals.

On Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> 2026 you will have the opportunity to register for one of ten workshops that span wound, ostomy, continence, leadership and academia. Whether you seek education in advanced ostomy management, the management of parastomal hernias, aspects of wound and skin management, enterocutaneous and enteroatmospheric fistula to continence management, there is a workshop that is meant for you to advance your practice, while the leadership and writing for publication workshops are aimed at helping you become a well-rounded practitioner. If you are interested in skin and wound management, you won't want to miss conservative sharp wound debridement, the lower limb assessment master class, or skin tears made easy. The Indigenous Blanket Exercise provides a unique and meaningful way to learn about Indigenous people and their journey towards truth and reconciliation.

The Industry and Science Day will highlight the latest innovation and research in technology to support your wound, ostomy and continence practice. Collaborating with industry, aimed at ensuring a thorough educational experience, will provide exposure to world leading experts in the field and provide relevant information to take back to the clinical setting in order to improve outcomes.

From Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday April 28<sup>th</sup> 2026, you will have the opportunity to attend plenary sessions with global experts presenting on meaningful wound, ostomy and continence topics. One example is the 2026 Norma N Gill Lecture presenter Dr Diane L Krasner PhD, RN, FAAN, FAWC, MAPWCA (USA) who will be



Members of the Organising Committee performing a venue site visit. From left to right: Mary Hill (NSWOC® Conference Planner), Susan Barber (WCET® Management Company Director), Megan Brouwer (WCET® Management Company Conference Planner), Troy Curtis (NSWOC® COO), Cathy Harley (NSWOC® CEO), Sam (Louise) Samuel (WCET® Congress and Meeting Coordinator)

speaking on the topic of Skin Failure: Implications for ETNs, NSWOC®s and WOC Nurses. Concurrent sessions provide a wide array of topics such as Wound Dead Space which will be co-presented by Dr Kevin Woo PhD, RN, FAPWCA, NSWOC, WOCC(C), FNSWOC (Canada) and Mary Hill MN, BScN, RN, NSWOC, WOCC(C), FNSWOC (Canada). In all, 54 oral abstracts will be presented as selected by the Scientific Committee providing another example of the wide range of topics providing something for everyone to benefit from.

Global experts will present on interesting topics related to WOC, such as: high output ileostomy coming to us from presenter Denise Hibbert MSc (WHTR), RGN, BSc, DipHE, ONC, STN, FSSCRS, hon-FASCRS (Saudi Arabia); vaginal pessary as an alternative to surgical treatment for pelvic organ prolapse by Professor Giselia Assiss, PhD, MSc, RN (Brazil); and persons with dark skin tones, implications in wound care by Dr Elizabeth A Ayello PhD, RN, ACNS-BC, CWON, MAPWCA, FAAN (USA) and Emmy Nokaneng, MChD (MFOS), MSc, PG Dip Odont (South Africa). Topics on education will be presented by Gulnaz Tariq BScN, RN, IIWCC, Post Grad Dip (United Arab Emirates), Dr Ayiše Karadağ, PhD, RN (Türkiye), Mariam Mohammed Nassir, MBA, BSN, WOC (Malaysia). You must not miss our patients' perspective presented throughout the program by Paula Erwin-Toth (USA), Lisa Gausman (Canada) and from the WCET® International Ostomy Guideline Development Panel (IOG-GDP), Richard McNair and Julie Atkinson (Australia).

There will be international updates from guideline developers, such as the updated WCET® IOG 3<sup>rd</sup> edition led by Dr Emily Haesler PhD, BN, P Grad Dip Adv Nurs (gerontics) (Australia); new guidelines for safe physical activity after stoma surgery, incorporating parastomal hernia (EXPASS) from ASCN-UK, to be presented by Sarah Russell, MSc, BSc, Clinical Exercise Specialist (United Kingdom); Pressure Injury international guidelines, presented by Dr Janet Cuddigan, PhD, RN, FAAN(USA); Dr Emily Haesler, PhD, BN, P Grad Dip Adv Nurs (gerontics)(Australia); and Dr Keryln Carville, PhD, STN(Cred), RN (Australia); Paediatric ostomy Canada-UK best practice recommendations, by Emily Woodgate, BScN, RN, NSWOC, WOCC(C) (Canada); Karen Dick, BSc(Hons), RN Child, NIP (United Kingdom); Wound Cleansing International Guidelines by Dr Kimberly LeBlanc, PhD, MN, BScN, RN, NSWOC, WOCC(C), FCAN, FNSWOC (Canada); Terry Swanson, NP, RN, NPWM, MHSc FAWMA, FMACNP. (Australia); Karen Laforet, RN, MCISc-WH, CCHN(C), CVAA(c), VA-BC™ (Canada)

In addition to plenary and concurrent sessions, there are some interesting panel sessions with a global focus and controversial nature such as The Great Pressure Injury Debate: Who should stage and should we even stage? with Dr Kimberly LeBlanc, PhD, MN, BScN,

RN, NSWOC, WOCC(C), FCAN, FNSWOC (Canada); Dr Corey Heerschap, PhD, MScCH, RN, NSWOC, WOCC(C), FNSWOC (Canada); Professor Dimitri Beeckman, PhD, MSc, BSc, RN (Belgium and Sweden) and Sharon Baranoski, MSN, RN, CWCN, APN-CCNS, FAAN (USA). The Importance of International Collaboration in Wound, Ostomy and Continence with Professor Dimitri Beeckman, PhD, MSc, BSc, RN (Belgium and Sweden); Samantha Holloway, M.Sc, FHEA, Cert Ed (FE), RN (United Kingdom); Professor Dr Harikrishna KR Nair, MD, FRCPI FCWCS OSH (NIOSH), OHD (DOH), CMIA (MAL) CHM (USA) ESWT, FMSWCP, PG in Wound Healing and Tissue Repair, ICW (Malaysia); Laurent Chabal, BSc (CBP), RN, OncPall (Cert), Dip (WH), ET, EAWT (Switzerland), Dr Corey Heerschap, PhD, MScCH, RN, NSWOC, WOCC(C), FNSWOC (Canada); Dr Vera Lúcia Conceição de Gouveia Santos, PhD, ETN (Brazil); and Terry Swanson, NP, RN, NPWM, MHSc FAWMA, FMACNP (Australia).

If you have an interest in dermatology and skin assessment, you will not want to miss Dr R Gary Sibbald's Dermatology for the Non-Dermatologist Program which runs from the afternoon of Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> to noon on Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup>. Available through registering, you will walk away satisfied that your learning about the skin and common skin disorders has gone to a new level.

The 300 poster sessions will also provide another method of learning and the opportunity to network with the poster presenters. With even more topics in the areas of wound, ostomy, continence, leadership and education, you will have more tools that will support you in moving mountains for better wound, ostomy and continence care.

This isn't just another congress; it's a collaborative environment designed to foster growth and new connections. Here is why you should attend this joint congress. You will have the chance to:

### Hear from visionaries:

Get inspired by speakers from all over the world who are experts in the fields of wound, ostomy and continence.



Louise Samuel with a representative of the Pinnacle Hotel

### Engage in deep dives:

Participate in interactive workshops and panel discussions covering relevant wound, ostomy and continence topics.

### Network with experts:

Connect with fellow professionals, potential collaborators and mentors throughout the congress.

Whether you are looking to advance your career, discover new solutions, or stay ahead of the curve, the WCET®-NSWOCC® Joint Congress offers tangible benefits. You'll leave with actionable strategies, valuable connections, and a renewed sense of direction to apply immediately to your work.

Don't miss out on this essential joint international congress. Register today to secure your spot and take advantage of our early bird special!

Register here:

<https://www.wcet-nswocc2026.com/register>

We cannot wait to welcome you to **Congress and Vancouver, Canada**, and to share with you what will be an outstanding experience. Please check your visa requirements, for those who need an eTA or Visa apply now. Do not hesitate to contact us for guidance and support if needed.

## First Time International Speaker Award

### WCET® Biennial Congress Sally Gill Thompson Scholarship

#### Complimentary registration to the following WCET® Biennial Joint Congress



This scholarship is open to all **first-time international presenters** attending the 2026 WCET® Biennial Joint Congress in VANCOUVER and who are doing an *oral presentation* (poster presenters are not eligible).

Information for applicants. Please read before completing the form.

- Applications will be subjected to review by the WCET® NNGF® Committee.

- The closing date for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025.
- Incomplete applications or applications received after this date will not be considered.
- Presentations at Congress will be scored at the Vancouver Congress.
- Only one scholarship will be awarded per Congress and announced at the Congress end.
- Applicants can apply for other scholarships for the same Congress.

### Essential Eligibility Criteria:

- First time **international oral presenter** at the WCET®-NSWOCC® Joint Congress in Vancouver. (Has never before presented at an international conference.)
- Interested in attending 2028 WCET® CONGRESS.
- Note: open to all WCET®, NSWOCC® and non-member presenters.

This completed application form:

<https://wcetn.org/page/SallyGillThompsonScholarship> must be accompanied by evidence of oral abstract acceptance.

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## In It Together: Moving Mountains to Create a World of Better Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Care

**When: April 24<sup>th</sup>–28<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Where: Vancouver Convention Centre, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada**

### Preliminary Education Program:

<https://www.wcet-nswocc2026.com/program>

### Early Bird Registration (Full Conference)

**Available until January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

<b>\$545</b> <b>CADNSWOCC®</b> <b>member rate</b>	<b>\$545</b> <b>CADWCET®</b> <b>member rate</b>	<b>\$635 CAD</b> <b>Non-member</b> <b>rate</b>	<b>\$660 CAD</b> <b>Exhibitors</b> <b>rate</b>
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## Regular Registration (Full Conference) After January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026

\$590 CAD NSWOCC® member rate	\$590 CAD WCET® member rate	\$680 CAD Non-member rate	\$705 CAD Exhibitors rate
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**United Airlines, Delta Airlines, Air Canada, WestJet and Porter Airlines** offer discounts on flights to Vancouver. Follow the link for the discount codes.  
<https://www.wcet-nswocc2026.com/hotels-travel>

## Dermatology Program for Advanced Healthcare Professionals

This special program, which has a separate registration, is running parallel to the WCET®-NSWOCC® Joint Congress and will highlight common diagnosis and treatments in the field of dermatology:

<https://www.wcet-nswocc2026.com/dermatology>

**Day 1: Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 2026, from 14:00 to 17:30**

**Day 2: Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 2026, from 8:00 to 12:00**

**If people are interested to have an on-site hospital tour, please email [office@nswoc.ca](mailto:office@nswoc.ca)**

## WCET® Executive Board Travels:

A meaningful and emotional trip to Brazil

From the bottom of my heart, I would like to thank SOBEST® President (Sonia Dantas) and Tribeca the organisers, for having invited me, at no cost to WCET®, to attend their annual congress. It was an opportunity to meet old friends again, and to be able to connect with new ones, to speak, network and have some important meetings. A full five days of exhibiting at this vibrant event.

It also brought me back to 2004: It was my very first introduction to WCET® when I attended my first WCET® Biennial congress held in Florianópolis. Same country, same island but different venue than the SOBEST® 2025 Conference. It was quite emotional for me to reflect on those past 20 years and to realise where and how they took me by my heart and soul. They were key in the next steps of my professional career and involvement in volunteer organisations, even though, at the time, I could not imagine their powerful impact. It was also emotional to reflect on the fact that this would be my last international intervention as WCET® President, beside the upcoming Biennial Joint Congress, which will be held in Vancouver, Canada, in April.



Arriving at the Convention Hall for SOBEST® 2025



Convention Center and Exhibition Hall



For sustainable purposes, a QR Code used to access the programme and reusable containers for coffee and water



Flags ready and waiting for the parade, representing all Brazilian states and with an amazing WCET® alternative flag made on site few days before the event





*Gala dinner and industry dinner party*



*I was honored to be invited to speak at the opening ceremony panel discussion, bringing greetings from WCET®*



*Giving a lecture at one of the plenary sessions*

At that time, in 2004, we (as European delegates) were invited by industry to attend congresses. I was not supposed to attend on that occasion as I was not at that time a trained Enterostomal Therapist (ET), it was a matter of luck that I was finally put on the list and was able to attend.

It was at that meeting that I was able to attend the WCET® International Delegate (ID) Biennial Meeting as an observer, which pushed me to nominate to become the next Swiss ID in 2009 when it was time for her to step down from her position after her four years of service. I still remember how impressed I was in attending that first international event specialised in stoma, wound and continence care. I was even more impressed at being able to visit different health care settings after congress, which gave me a better understanding of all the presentations I had listened to, witnessing the professional reality of ET Nursing.



*Back to the present and SOBEST® 2025: Busy at the WCET® booth doing promotion and networking*



*e-Posters and meeting area*



*SOBEST® mascots: Lea and Léo enjoying their time at congress*

I could not thank Laurence Lataillade (the 2005–2009 Swiss ID) and her Brazilian colleague Magnolia Vigny), home in Brazil on leave from Switzerland) enough for taking me under their wings and guiding me on this incredible journey.



Library and local shop booths

We used this opportunity to hold our annual Executive Board (EB) Meeting, which was a hybrid meeting with some of us on site and others attending online. I would like to appreciate and thank all those who were able to attend this very busy two-day meeting, despite different time zones and the long journey. In addition to the amazing achievements completed during this year, we were able to discuss and review important documents.



Many thanks to Tribeca CEO, Maurício Cavichion, and SOBEST® Team for making this meeting possible



Annual EB Hybrid meeting on its way

I was sadly forced to decline the very kind invitation received from COMLHEI to attend their conference in November, but we are a team, and Dr Maria Angela Boccara de Paola will attend this event and represent WCET®.

Words fail me in expressing my deepest gratitude and thanks to you all!

## Reports from around the World

### Enterostomal Therapy Shines at the 27<sup>th</sup> Brazilian Congress of Brazilian Nursing Councils



**Dr Angela Boccara, PhD, RN, ETN**  
**WCET® Education Chairperson**

From September 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> 2025 the Salvador Convention Center hosted the 27<sup>th</sup> Brazilian Congress of Nursing Councils (CBCENF), bringing together over 45,000 healthcare professionals. With the theme 'Technologies and Innovations in Nursing: Quality, Efficiency, and Safety in Care', the event highlighted significant advancements in the profession.

Enterostomal therapy had a prominent presence, with the participation of renowned Brazilian specialists. Professor Dr Maria Angela Bocara de Paula (WCET® Education Chair) contributed to a scientific session focused on new technologies for urinary and enteral catheterisation, addressing innovative and safe practices for assisting patients.

Dr Sandra Marina Gonçalves, Professor at the State University of Piauí (UESPI) and coordinator of the Enterostomal Therapy Education Program (ETNEP), launched her book *Social Impact of Graduates from the Enterostomal Therapy Program at UESPI*, accredited by SOBEST® and recognised by WCET®. The publication compiles inspiring stories of students who became enterostomal therapists, highlighting how the specialty contributed to their personal and professional development. It was a great honor to write the foreword for this significant work.





*Sandra Gonçalves during the book launch*



Additionally, Professor Dr Sônia Dantas, President of the Brazilian Association of Enterostomal Therapy (SOBEST®), in partnership with the São Paulo Regional Nursing Council (COREN-SP), launched the *Sutures Guide for Nurses*. This guide aims to enhance suturing practices in nursing, promoting greater safety and quality in patient care.

The congress also provided an opportunity to engage with the President of the International Council of Nurses (ICN), Dr Jose Luis Cobo Serrano, and the Angolan delegation, strengthening international ties and promoting Enterostomal Therapy as a globally recognised specialty.



*From left to right: Student nurse from Piauí Brazil, Angela Bocarra, Sandra Gonçalves, Sonia Dantas (President SOBEST®)*



*Sandra Gonçalves (Brazilian ID) and Angela Bocarra (center) offering her book to Angolan delegation*



*Angela Bocarra (center) with the Angolan delegation*

The active participation of Enterostomal Therapy in CBCENF 2025 reaffirms the specialty's commitment to innovation, education and excellence in patient care. We remain steadfast in our mission to transform lives through specialised care and the continuous valorisation of the profession.

## News from the Brazilian Association of Enterostomal Therapy — SOBEST®



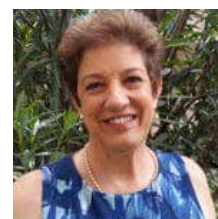
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**Adriane Aparecida da Costa Faresin RN, ETN (TiSOBEST)**



**Dr Vera Lucia Conceição de Gouveia Santos, PhD, RN, ETN (TiSOBEST Emerit)**

## 15<sup>th</sup> Brazilian Congress of Enterostomal Therapy (XV CBE)

The 15<sup>th</sup> Brazilian Congress of Enterostomal Therapy (XV CBE) was held in Florianópolis, Santa Catarina, Brazil, from October 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> 2025. This congress marked the 33<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the Brazilian Association of Enterostomal Therapy (SOBEST®) and the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first enterostomal therapy course in Brazil, coordinated by Professor Dr Vera Lúcia Conceição de Gouveia Santos at the School of Nursing, University of São Paulo.



The XV CBE carried profound significance for all participants, a celebration of a journey that has transformed lives, built connections and strengthened professional integration. The congress theme, **Integration and Transition of Care in Enterostomal Therapy**, reflected the commitment of Brazilian enterostomal therapists to advancing comprehensive, patient-centered care. This congress represented not only the history of Brazilian enterostomal therapy but also the continuous story we write daily through our professional practice.

The event took place at the CentroSul Convention Center, a modern venue featuring multiple conference rooms and a large exhibition area that comfortably accommodated 31 sponsors. The congress brought together 1871 participants, with 361 e-posters and 48 oral presentations showcased in the newly inaugurated Scientific Arena, dedicated to Professor Dr Vera Lucia Conceição de Gouveia Santos in recognition of her outstanding scientific contributions and leadership in the field. Among these, 16 oral presentations were selected and awarded as the most distinguished works of 2025.

We had a special space dedicated to the presentations of oral scientific papers and e-posters. In our Scientific Arena, all selected works were presented, providing a dynamic environment for the exchange of knowledge and experiences.



*Laurent Chabal and Sônia Dantas during the CBE opening*



*Opening ceremony: Entrance of the flags of the Brazilian states, participating countries, and societies (center stage Laurent O Chabal-WCET® President, Sílvia Angélica Jorge-SOBEST® Vice President and Sônia Regina Pérez Evangelista Danta- SOBEST® President)*



*Main plenary session of the Brazilian Congress of Enterostomal Therapy during the CBE Opening*



*Photos of CBE Scientific Arena during scientific paper presentation activities*





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*Photos of CBE Scientific Arena during scientific paper presentation activities*



During the Congress, seven book launches were held, marking the event with innovations and significant advances for enterostomal therapy, as well as for the scientific and professional community.

1. *Brazilian Consensus on the Care of Adults with Elimination Ostomies (Spanish edition)*
2. *Enterostomal Therapy Care: Incontinence and Other Pelvic Floor Dysfunctions*
3. *The Nursing Process Applied to Individuals with Wounds: Guidelines for Nursing Offices and Clinics*
4. *Enterostomal Therapy: A Perspective on Pain*
5. *Management of Health Services for Individuals with Ostomies*
6. *Foot Care for People with Diabetes: Injury Prevention and Promotion of Self-Care*
7. *Skin Care and Prevention of Leg Ulcers in Individuals with Sickle Cell Disease*



*Books launched at the CBE.*

The congress was further honored by the participation of Professor Laurent O Chabal, President of the World Council of Enterostomal Therapists® (WCET®), who delivered a keynote lecture. A dedicated booth was also organised to promote WCET® membership and facilitate new registrations.

The pre-congress program featured seven workshops attended by 350 participants, addressing the following topics:

1. Basic suturing techniques for nurses
2. Intestinal irrigation
3. Vaginal pessaries
4. Intestinal stoma site marking
5. Scientific writing
6. Communicating difficult news
7. Use of ultrasonography in urinary incontinence



*Photos of pre-congress activities development in the CBE*



Additionally, 30 professional titles of Specialist in Enterostomal Therapy (TiSOBEST) were awarded by SOBEST® following evaluation of professional portfolios and theoretical and practical examinations conducted through clinical simulation. The certification process was open exclusively to enterostomal therapists who graduated from WCET® recognised programs.

The opening ceremony featured an exceptional performance by the Bolshoi Ballet School of Brazil, followed by the CBE 2025 Oktoberfest Celebration, honoring Santa Catarina's cultural identity as the Brazilian capital of this traditional festival.



Performance by the Bolshoi Ballet of Brazil

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### Launch of the Brazilian Consensus on Care for People with Elimination Ostomy

Dr Ângela Boccara and Dr Juliano Teixeira during the launch of the Brazilian Consensus on Care for People with Elimination Ostomy



During the Brazilian Congress of Stomatherapy, held in Florianópolis from October 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>, the Spanish version of the *Brazilian Consensus on Care for People with Elimination Ostomy* was launched. This document represents a major milestone, bringing together recommendations based on evidence and clinical experience. The development of the consensus involved contributions from nationally recognised experts. Notably, Dr Ângela Boccara, Chairperson of the WCET® Education Committee, and Dr Juliano Teixeira, member of the Scientific Council and Editor-in-Chief of ESTIMA – *Brazilian Journal of Enterostomal Therapy*, played key roles in strengthening Brazilian scientific production. The Spanish version broadens the reach of this important work throughout Latin America and beyond, promoting quality care for people with ostomies. The consensus is freely accessible through the SOBEST® website.

(<https://sobest.com.br/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Versao-Web-Final.pdf>).

### Award ceremony for the TISOBEST specialist titles, granted by the Brazilian Association of Enterostomal Therapy



Award ceremony: Fernanda Mateus Queiroz Schmidt, Angélica Olivetto de Almeida, Juliany Lino Gomes Silva, and Michele Neves Brajão Rocha, members of the Department of Professional Development, along with newly certified TISOBEST professionals, were present at the CBE.

On the last day of the CBE, the ceremony for awarding the TISOBEST specialist titles, granted by the Brazilian Association of Stomatherapy, took place. This title, obtained through a public examination held annually by SOBEST®, serves as a seal of quality that broadens the scope of practice for stomatherapy professionals, as established in the association's statute. The certification process consists of three stages evaluation of a professional portfolio, a theoretical exam, and



a practical skills assessment all conducted by the Certification Committee of SOBEST®'s Department of Professional Development. During the congress in Florianópolis, certificates were awarded for the 2024/2025 and 2023/2024 calls, the latter marking a record number of applicants, with 40 portfolios submitted. This demonstrates the growing pursuit of excellence certification among professionals in the field. The awarding of certificates represents more than the achievement of a title: it symbolises the recognition of a career devoted to stomatherapy. The next call (2025/2026) will be announced soon, with the examination scheduled to take place during the CPE in São Paulo, in June 2026, inviting new candidates and professionals due for recertification to attain this important milestone of professional recognition.

### Presence of Laurent Chabal, President of the World Council of Enterostomal Therapists® (WCET®), at CBE 2025



Laurent Chabal, President of WCET®; Sônia Regina Pérez Evangelista Dantas, President of SOBEST®; and Sílvia Angélica Jorge, Vice President of SOBEST®, engaged in activities during the CBE.

The Brazilian Congress of Stomatherapy was honored by the presence of Laurent Chabal, President of the World Council of Enterostomal Therapists® (WCET®). His participation reinforced international partnership and the strengthening of enterostomal therapy practice in Brazil. Laurent highlighted the importance of cooperation between countries to expand the global impact of the specialty. His presence also enriched the scientific discussions and the exchange of international experiences. It was a historic moment that showcased

Brazil's leadership in the global enterostomal therapy field. Laurent Chabal's participation in various CBE activities provided a balance between highly relevant enterostomal therapy topics and moments of relaxation shared among dear friends.

### New SOBEST® book addresses incontinence and pelvic floor dysfunctions with a focus on evidence and clinical practice

The Brazilian Association of Enterostomal Therapy (SOBEST®) launched the book *Care in Enterostomal Therapy – Incontinence and Other Pelvic Floor Dysfunctions* during the Brazilian Congress of Enterostomal Therapy (CBE 2025). The book is a scientific and practical reference for healthcare professionals involved in the care of patients with pelvic floor dysfunctions. Coordinated by Professors Dr Gisela Maria Assis, Dr Fernanda Mateus Queiroz Schmidt, Dr Maria Helena Baena de Moraes Lopes and Dr Vera Lúcia Conceição de Gouveia Santos, the work brings together 68 contributors and is organised into 27 chapters across 586 pages. Based on the best evidence available in the scientific literature, the book stands out for its clear teaching approach, objective presentation, and rich visual content, including illustrations, photographs, and charts, that facilitate the understanding and application of knowledge in clinical practice. In addition to addressing the treatment of incontinence and other pelvic floor dysfunctions, the publication emphasises the comprehensive care process, highlighting the promotion of dignity, social reintegration, and the stabilisation of patients' health. With accessible language and solid scientific grounding, *Care in Enterostomal Therapy – Incontinence and Other Pelvic Floor Dysfunctions* reinforces SOBEST®'s commitment to disseminating specialised knowledge and strengthening evidence-based nursing practice in Brazil.

Below: Drs Gisela Maria Assis, Vera Lúcia Conceição de Gouveia Santos, Fernanda Mateus Queiroz Schmidt, Rayssa Paranhos, Manuela de Mendonça Figueirêdo Coelho, Helena Pantaroto, Claudia Daniella Avelino Vasconcelos Benício and Franciele Freitas, specialists in the field of incontinence and other pelvic floor dysfunctions.



Dr Vera Lúcia Conceição de Gouveia Santos



## SOBEST® offered an in-person suture course for nurses in São Paulo

The educational program 'Open Doors' held the Sutures for Nurses course on August 16<sup>th</sup> (at the COREN SP headquarters) and September 19<sup>th</sup> (at São Camilo University Center). The course was delivered in person and targeted nurses, enterostomal therapy nurses, and postgraduate students in enterostomal therapy. The program provided official SOBEST® certification and aimed to offer technical and practical updates on suturing, contributing to professional development and the improvement of patient care. Among the speakers were prominent enterostomal therapy nurses, including Juliany Lino Gomes Silva, Mônica Costa Ricarte, Sônia Regina Dantas, João Junior Gomes and Ivan Rogério Antunes. The course is part of SOBEST®'s ongoing effort to strengthen evidence-based practice and provide continuous training for nursing professionals interested in surgical procedures and advanced enterostomal therapy care.



Juliany Lino Gomes Silva, Mônica Costa Ricarte, Sônia Regina Dantas, João Junior Gomes, and Ivan Rogério Antunes, enterostomal therapy nurses, served as instructors for the Sutures for Nurses course.

## ESTIMA Journal invites Latin American researchers to submit scientific articles

The ESTIMA Journal, the official publication of the Brazilian Association of Stomatherapy – SOBEST® and a reference in the field of stomatherapy in Latin America, has opened a call for scientific article submissions. The invitation is aimed at researchers, professionals, and educators interested in contributing to the dissemination of knowledge in the field. The journal accepts manuscripts on topics such as ostomies, wounds, continence, as well as public health, public policies, and innovations in enterostomal therapy practice. Articles must meet strict ethical and scientific

quality standards, demonstrate clinical relevance and social impact, be original, and make significant contributions to knowledge in the field. ESTIMA offers open access and indexing in internationally recognised databases. Publishing in ESTIMA provides authors with international visibility, peer-reviewed evaluation, and reinforces the commitment to valuing Latin American science. Interested researchers now have the opportunity to give voice to their research and contribute to the advancement of enterostomal therapy in the region.



## Conexão SOBEST®, the podcast on Enterostomal Therapy

The SOBEST® continuously offers a podcast dedicated to healthcare professionals, hosted on the Makadu. live platform (<https://makadu.live/instituicao/sobest/>), a reference in scientific content and continuing education. Aimed at nurses, enterostomal therapy nurses, and other healthcare professionals, the podcast covers topics related to ostomies, wounds, continence,

Monica Ricarte, Pollyanna Carneiro, Adriane Faresin, Moelisa Queiroz, Antônia and Mauryane, Cinthia Bandeira, and Silvia Carvalho, participants of the Conexão SOBEST® podcast.





and pelvic floor care. The initiative features audio episodes with interviews, discussions, and clinical case analyses, providing up-to-date, evidence-based information on enterostomal therapy practices. Topics include ethics in care, technological innovation, health policies, and strategies to improve patients' quality of life. Through this podcast, SOBEST® reinforces its commitment to disseminating scientific knowledge and enhancing professional practice, offering listeners a practical and updated way to stay informed about trends and challenges in Enterostomal Therapy in Brazil and worldwide.



*Aline Ramalho, Suzana Aparecida da Costa Ferreira, Ana Cristina Monteiro, and Marcia Elaine Costa Nascimento, stomatherapy nurses who accepted the challenge of writing a "lauda" for the SOBEST® website.*

### Commitment to sharing informative digital content

SOBEST® provides informative and educational content on its website in the form of 'laudás' (short texts of 10 to 20 lines), aimed at healthcare professionals interested in expanding their knowledge in ostomies, wounds, and continence. These laudas are clear, objective, and evidence-based texts with accessible language and an organised structure, enabling nurses and enterostomal therapy specialists to stay updated on news and best practices in the field. This initiative reinforces SOBEST®'s commitment to disseminating scientific knowledge, enhancing professional practice, and supporting the continuous development of enterostomal therapy professionals in Brazil.

<https://sobest.com.br/noticias/atualidades/>

### Advancing Enterostomal Therapy: Highlights from the II Inter-League Meeting

The II Inter-League Meeting on Enterostomal Therapy, a highly anticipated event in the nursing education landscape, has established itself as an important platform for the dissemination of knowledge and the appreciation of academic contributions. Bringing together students and professionals from various institutions, this meeting offered a robust environment for the oral presentations, reflecting the research and dedication of the Enterostomal Therapy Leagues.

In addition to the intense scientific exchange, the event connects participants with a unique opportunity for academics and professionals to get an up-close look at the tools and resources that will shape the future of clinical practice. The Enterostomal Therapy Leagues encourage students towards care and innovations in the areas of wound, ostomy, and continence care. The event is, therefore, a landmark in preparing a new generation of Enterostomal Therapists.



*Professors and speakers, left to right: Manuela Mendonça (League Coordinator), Kelli Borges, Roseane Montargil, Sandra Marina and Juliano Moraes (League Coordinator). CBE, 2025*

### SOBEST® Sections in Brazil

The 18 sections of SOBEST® (Brazilian Association of Enterostomal Therapy) form a national network dedicated to promoting and integrating Enterostomal Therapy in Brazil. Spread from north to south, these sections actively work on disseminating and improving practices related to the care of wound, ostomy, and continence care, demonstrating SOBEST®'s continuous commitment to the diffusion of Enterostomal Therapy and to the promotion of health and well-being for patients across the country.





*Pins showing SOBEST® Sections in Brazil*

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*Members of the SOBEST® sections during a meeting after Congress*



*SOBEST® Directors are happy with the success of CBE2025*



*Final moment of CBE2025*

## News from Wenzhou Wound/Stoma/Contenance Committee:

**We successfully held the academic conference 'Progress in Best Practices of Care for Elderly Wound/Stoma/contenance patients' and celebrated the Norma N Gill Day®**



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On June 15<sup>th</sup> 2025 the Wenzhou Wound/Stoma/Contenance Committee of Wenzhou Nursing Association Successfully held the academic conference, **Progress in Best Practices of Care of Elderly Wound/Stoma/Contenance patients**, and celebrated Norma N Gill Day® at Yuying Academic Hall of Wenzhou Medical University. More than 290 staff nurses from different hospitals in the city attended.



*Attendees of the Conference*

Front row from left to right, Caifen Jia, Lina Xie, Yumei Li, Haiyan Li, Aihua Chen Yiqun Yu, Ledan Lin, Xiaoping Huang, Shneglv Ying, Xi Zhang

### Keynote speeches

Several experts were invited to do the lectures on hot topics and difficult issues in the field of ostomy wound continence care. The speakers shared the latest research achievements and practical experiences in these fields.



*Professor Xiao Jian*

Professor Xiao Jian, the Dean of the Graduate School of Wenzhou Medical University, gave a lecture on *Discussion on Research Topics in the Field of Ostomy and Wound Care*.



*Chen Aihua*

Chen (Alice) Aihua, past WCET® Norma N Gill Foundation® Chair, and the Vice President of Wenzhou International Hospital, shared *Evaluation and Management of Delayed Wound Healing after Surgery*.



*Chief Nurse Li Yumei*

Chief Nurse Li Yumei, from the Second Affiliated Hospital of Wenzhou Medical University, gave a lecture regarding "Grading and Typing Standards for Enterostomy Complications"



*Chief Nurse Li Haiyan*

Chief Nurse Li Haiyan, from the First Affiliated Hospital of Wenzhou Medical University, delivered a speech on the "Standards for Skin Care Teams for Adult Incontinence Patients"



*Deputy Chief Nurse Ying Shengly*

Deputy Chief Nurse Ying Shengly, from Wenzhou Central Hospital, gave a lecture on *Systematic Assessment and Application of Patients with Chronic Wounds*.





*Deputy Chief Nurse Huang Xiaoping*

Deputy Chief Nurse Huang Xiaoping, from the 906<sup>th</sup> Hospital of the Joint Logistic Support Force, shared *The Best Strategies for Treating Burn and Scald Wounds*.



*You Dongdong from the Second Affiliated Hospital of Wenzhou Medical University*



*Deputy Director Liu Zhengjun*

Deputy Director Liu Zhengjun from the First Affiliated Hospital of Wenzhou Medical University presented *The Application of Concentrated Growth Factor (PRP-CGF) in Wound Repair*.



*Xu Xuelong from Ruian People's Hospital*



*Deputy Chief Nurse Lin Ledan*

Deputy Chief Nurse Lin Ledan, from Wenzhou People's Hospital hosted the conference.



*Continence workshop*

## Norma N Gill Day® Celebration



*Attendees and guests stand and clap in memory of Norma N Gill*

## Exchange of papers on Ostomy Wound Continence care

Three nurses shared their clinical experience and research achievements in nursing.



*Ge Yajing from the First Affiliated Hospital of Wenzhou Medical University*

A commemorative special event for Norma N Gill was held at this meeting. The atmosphere at the event site was solemn and enthusiastic. The participants paid tribute to Ms Norma N Gill by clapping for one minute to remember her contribution to ostomy care. This one-minute applause is not only a personal tribute to her but also inspires Enterostomal Therapists to carry forward her spirit and provide better care and services for ostomy patients.





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\* Test evaluated the ability of 7 seals to resist real output seeping under the adhesive over 24 hours.

1. Fellows, J. et al., Multinational survey on living with an ostomy: prevalence and impact of peristomal skin complications. Br J Nurs, 2021, 30(16):S22-S30

2. TM7064 Leakage test. Coloplast. Data on file. Data from 2019. VV-0283280

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## World Ostomy Day®: joint efforts inside and outside the hospital to safeguard the “Roses of Life”



*Xiao-Hua He,  
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Central South University*



*Xiu-lan Guo,  
Head Nurse, Zhangjiajie  
Peoples' Hospital*



*Gang-lei Liu, Professor,  
The Second Xiangya  
Hospital of Central  
South University*

For the occasion of World Ostomy Day®, which is the first Saturday of October every three years, the International Ostomy Association (IOA) announced this year's theme, **Invisible Disabilities: Visible Support — the Global Unity of Ostomates**. In response our hospital's Department of Gastrointestinal Surgery, Department of Hepatobiliary Surgery, and Department of Gastroenterology jointly launched a linked activity both inside and outside the hospital. With the core of 'Caring for Intestinal Health, Protecting the Roses of Life', the activity aimed to provide professional health services to the public, show sincere care for the ostomy population, and popularise knowledge about ostomies and intestinal health concepts.

### Knowledge empowerment inside the hospital: laying a solid foundation for health awareness:

The activities inside the hospital focused on knowledge dissemination, building a learning platform for the public. Professor Liu Ganglei centered his lecture on the prevention and treatment of rectal cancer. Combining clinical cases, he explained the hazards of the disease, high-risk factors, and preventive measures, emphasising the importance of “early detection and early intervention” to help the audience establish scientific health awareness.

Executive Nurse Manager, He Xiaohua, focused on practical ostomy care. She not only detailed the application scenarios of different ostomy products but also demonstrated the process of ostomy bag

replacement and the handling of common problems on-site. Meanwhile, she discussed dietary and exercise taboos for individuals with a stoma, enabling participants to quickly master practical nursing skills that can be applied in daily life. During the interactive session, medical staff patiently answered the public's questions about intestinal diseases and ostomy care, eliminating misunderstandings and knowledge gaps.



*Interactive sessions*

### Free clinic and science popularisation outside the hospital: bringing care to the doorstep

To reach more people in need, the medical team went into the community to carry out a free clinic outside the hospital. A consultation desk was set up on-site, where experts provided one-on-one diagnosis and treatment services for residents, offering personalised suggestions for intestinal discomfort and ostomy care difficulties. Volunteers distributed ostomy health brochures, popularising relevant knowledge in a vivid way with pictures and texts. In addition, a temporary nursing



*Nursing guided sessions*

guidance area was established to teach individuals with a stoma, and their family members, how to replace ostomy bags and handle skin problems hands-on, effectively solving the troubling points in daily care. Many residents said: "It's convenient and heartwarming to get professional guidance right at our doorstep."

This linked activity both inside and outside the hospital not only improved the public's health awareness through knowledge empowerment inside the hospital but also extended services to the grassroots level via

the free clinic outside. A total of over 200 people were served, and more than 300 copies of materials were distributed. The activity not only made the ostomy population feel social care but also enhanced the public's understanding and tolerance towards this group. In the future, our hospital will continue to promote such linked activities, safeguarding every "Rose of Life" with professionalism and warmth, and helping the ostomy population embrace life with confidence.

## Turning stigma into strength: Indonesia's innovative support movement for individuals living with a stoma



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**MUSEUM Stoma**



**Rifa Qidya Ardi**  
**WOCARE Centre**

In Indonesia, the journey towards acceptance and empowerment for individuals living with a stoma has experienced a significant shift in recent years. While in the past their presence was often hidden behind walls of stigma and shame, a wave of hope now brightens their lives, driven by the innovative movement led by WOCARE Indonesia. What started as a simple celebration of World Ostomy Day® has grown into a catalyst for change through the creation of the country's first Stoma Museum.

In a society where a stoma is still too often linked to weakness or loss, the Stoma Museum sheds new light on public perception. This is no ordinary museum; it is a true sanctuary that combines education, psychosocial support, and economic empowerment in an integrated system. It's a second home, a safe space to share, learn, create, and support each other.

### The Stoma Museum: a window to understanding and acceptance

The establishment of Indonesia's Stoma Museum marks a significant milestone, not only as a form of education but also as a challenge to the social stigma surrounding a stoma. Inside, visitors, individuals living with a stoma,

families, healthcare workers, and the general public can learn about different types of stoma, medical appliances, and, perhaps most importantly, the daily struggles faced by individuals living with a stoma.

More than facts and figures, it's the real-life stories of resilience that leave a lasting impression. Photographs, testimonials, and works of art created by individuals living with a stoma, line the walls, serving as living evidence that they are not simply survivors of illness or trauma, but sources of inspiration for individuals who turn adversity into strength.

As one visitor, Mrs Suryati (56), said: "I used to feel deep shame. People thought I was powerless after my operation. But, here I am grateful to meet friends who truly understand. I learned how to make eco-enzymes. Now, my house is always clean and I can share my knowledge with neighbours."

### A holistic ecosystem: From stomapreneur to psychosocial support

What makes the Stoma Museum truly unique is its Stomapreneur economic empowerment program. Instead of simply offering material assistance or therapy,





WOCARE Indonesia fosters an entrepreneurial spirit among individuals living with a stoma through training sessions on hydroponic gardening, baking, handicrafts, eco-enzyme production and financial literacy. This not only boosts confidence but also opens the door for individuals living with a stoma to achieve economic independence.

By 2025, 35% of participants will have acquired income-generating skills, such as selling hydroponic vegetables, cookies, handmade crafts, and more. Many who once depended solely on family now find themselves becoming breadwinners, restoring their sense of dignity and self-worth.

This holistic solution goes beyond economics. The museum also provides arts facilities and physical activities, such as art therapy, weekly walking groups, and intergenerational exercises with elderly community members. These activities have been shown to significantly reduce psychological distress and social isolation, with 85% of participants reporting improvements in psychological well-being. Artistic activities such as painting, knitting, or simple conversations during group walks offer healthy outlets for expression and foster solidarity among individuals living with a stoma.

### Yuliana School: Training stoma doulas, companions for the Ostomate journey

Personalised support plays a pivotal role in this movement. Yuliana School, a specialised training centre for stoma doulas, sets a new standard. Unlike general healthcare workers, stoma doulas are professional companions and empathetic peers, trained to support the emotional, physical, and social adjustment needed during the transition to life with a stoma. They teach basic stoma care skills, foster new self-confidence, and, perhaps most crucially, listen without judgment.

Eka, a graduate of the first stoma doula cohort, said: *"I know exactly how frightening it is after surgery. I used to feel so alone, but now I help others through their journey. I want every individual living with a stoma to know: you are never alone."*

### Breaking barriers: Preparing for Congress and building global capacity

WOCARE Indonesia has achieved a major breakthrough by enabling individuals living with a stoma to participate internationally through the English-free stoma programme. The course enhances English communication, allowing individuals living with a stoma to share experiences and learn from the global Stoma community at events such as the ASPOA Congress (Asia South Pacific Ostomy Association) and the upcoming gathering in Bogor, 2026.

Active involvement on the international stage emphasises that physical boundaries do not restrict individuals living with a stoma's contributions; instead, they include advocacy, education, and the creation of more inclusive communities.

### Stoma Care Week: Driving national awareness

Each year, Stoma Care Week is held as part of a structured effort to raise national awareness of stomas. Seminars, exhibitions, and talk shows involve individuals living with a stoma, families, healthcare professionals, and the general public in proactive education and discussion. These initiatives challenge the idea that a stoma is an embarrassment or burden; instead, they emphasise that a stoma is a vital medical procedure that deserves recognition and genuine support.

### Challenging Stigma, Uniting Hope

All these efforts perfectly align with the global theme of World Ostomy Day®: **Invisible Disabilities. Visible Support.** The theme serves as a powerful reminder that the challenges faced by individuals living with a stoma are not always apparent. Discomfort, shame, depression, and physical limitations are often hidden behind everyday clothing and forced smiles.

However, when society provides visible support, measured, tangible, and consistent help, the journey towards self-acceptance and a meaningful life becomes much easier. From a corner of the Stoma Museum in Jakarta to international stages abroad, the voices of individuals living with stomas now resonate as powerful proof that invisible does not mean powerless.

### Stories of Resilience, Networks of Hope

Beyond statistics and data, it is the web of hope spun by personal stories that shines brightest. Bayu (22), a young individual living with a stoma who once ventured outside only at night, now mentors hydroponic gardening and has been invited to university seminars to speak on resilience.

*"Shame isn't a reason to hide away. At the Stoma Museum, I found new brothers and sisters, we encourage one another to keep fighting,"* he said.

Siti (47), a mother of two, says she feels more valued since joining handicraft classes: *"Every piece I create is a symbol of my own journey. Every time I make a sale, I find the pride I thought I'd lost."*

### Cross-generational and cross-professional collaboration

This ecosystem thrives on cross-collaboration. WOCARE Indonesia has partnered with medical professionals, psychologists, local governments, and volunteers of

all ages. Youth volunteers conduct digital marketing workshops for Stomapreneure programmes, assist in promoting stoma products, and train members in technological literacy.

This community-based movement inspires solidarity across all ages and backgrounds, ensuring that individuals living with a stoma never feel isolated. Volunteers, families, and the wider community become integral to their transformative journey.

### Real impact: The numbers speak

The impact of WOCARE Indonesia's comprehensive support is both emotionally heartfelt and supported by data. Over 127 individuals living with a stoma participate in weekly activities through online and offline channels, with 75% reporting reduced anxiety and 60% gaining economic benefits. Participants have also become more comfortable sharing their stories, fostering a new culture of openness, empathy, and acceptance.

### Building the future: Setting an example for the world

Indonesia's model for a comprehensive support system is attracting international interest. Delegates from neighbouring countries visit the Stoma Museum for study tours. They praise WOCARE for confidently introducing the museum and the training school, initiatives rarely seen elsewhere.

*"Indonesia proves that when challenges are faced together, limitations can spark creativity and solidarity,"* remarked a delegate at the last ASPOA Congress.

### Redefining the meaning of disability

What emerges from Indonesia's Stoma movement is not simply a story of individuals facing illness or injury. It is a collective struggle against stigma, isolation, and social barriers that so often marginalise people with invisible disabilities. WOCARE Indonesia and the Stoma Museum have become pioneers, redefining disability as a fertile ground for resilience, creativity, and new hope.

As the community's motto declares:

*"In every stoma, there's a story of resilience. In every support, new hope is created. Indonesian individuals living with a stoma: Invisible doesn't mean powerless."*

And further:

*"We are the silent generation now finding our voices. Step by step, we prove that real support can tear down the walls of stigma, opening the way to meaningful, independent, and inspiring lives. There is no limit to dreaming. There is no reason to give up, for together, we are strong. Together, we kindle hope for millions of dreams behind every stoma."*



Back row (left to right): Tomi, Rifa, Yusniar, Wida, Fika, Fadia, Ajeng, Arifin. Front row (left to right): Herman, Tuti, and Daffa

This group photo captures the joyful spirit of the World Ostomy Day celebration at the Museum Stoma Indonesia. Participants proudly wear ostomy dummy models while holding inspiring quotes that celebrate courage, positivity and life after stoma surgery. The background features an educational and festive setting, symbolising the harmony between learning, community, and empowerment.



Tomi, Mumuh, Arif, Fika, Atik, Arief, Pitni, Neng sri, Yusniar, Sri Widayati, and Zia

This photo captures the engaging atmosphere of the organic fertiliser training activity held at the Museum Ostomate Indonesia. Individuals living with a stoma, nurses, and volunteers gather closely in an interactive learning session, sharing experiences and knowledge on how to turn organic waste into valuable compost. The warm and collaborative setting reflects the spirit of empowerment, sustainability, and togetherness within the community, where every participant contributes with enthusiasm and care.



Cut Fika, Arif, Mumuh, Arief, Rifa, Tuti, Aci, Neneng, and Atik



This group photo captures the heartwarming Knitting Together activity at the Museum Stoma Indonesia, where nurses, individuals living with a stoma, and volunteers gather to create handmade crafts. The participants are seen smiling as they work on colourful yarns, turning simple threads into meaningful creations.



Back row (left to right): Rifa, Tomi, Arif, Nengsri, Pitni, Mumuh, Aang. Front row (left to right): Cut Fika, Indah, Fadiyah, Tomi, Hasanah, and Ira

This group photo captures a warm and inspiring moment during the Eco-Enzyme Workshop (fermenting waste like fruit and vegetable with sugar and water, an eco-friendly alternative for household cleaning), at the Museum Stoma Indonesia. The participants, a mix of individuals living with a stoma, healthcare professionals, and volunteers, proudly hold bottles of eco-enzyme they created together using natural household ingredients.



Tuti, Pitni, Arif, Arief, and Atik

This group photo captures the joyful moment of the hydroponic gardening (growing plants without soil, using a nutrient-rich water solution) activity organised by the Museum Stoma Indonesia, involving individuals living with a stoma and volunteers working hand in hand. The participants proudly stand in front of their hydroponic garden, a result of teamwork, dedication, and shared learning.



(Left to right): Deza, Laurent O Chabal (WCET® President) and Dafa

This photo captures the opening moment of the Museum the Indonesia booth at the APETNA Conference in Malaysia 2025. The booth highlights one of Indonesia's Stoma empowerment initiatives through entrepreneurship, showcasing creative products such as the "Ostoboy" T-shirt — a proud symbol of creativity, resilience, and independence.



This logo represents "Sahabat Ostomate" (Friend of Ostomate), a symbol of solidarity, care, and empowerment for people living with a stoma. The red circle in the centre symbolises life, strength, and resilience, while the surrounding ring with the words "Friend of Ostomate/Sahabat Ostomate" reflects inclusion and continuous support from the community. The logo embodies the spirit of friendship and compassion, a reminder that no individual living with a stoma should ever walk alone.



This logo represents the Museum Ostomi Indonesia, a centre of education, empowerment, and awareness for individuals living with a stoma and the general public. The design features a red circle symbolising life, strength, and resilience, reflecting the spirit of individuals living with a stoma. The surrounding geometric elements form a stylised figure of both the human body and a

stoma bag, illustrating unity between medical care, education, and humanity. The combination of red and grey conveys compassion, professionalism.



This flyer is an example of the Museum Ostomi Indonesia's program promotion, highlighting community empowerment activities such as hydroponic gardening and sustainable living projects.

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Bogor, 22 October 2025  
Sincerely,

  
**Ns. Tomi Abas S.Kep, WOC[ET]N**  
Manager of Museum Ostomi Indonesia

*Museum Ostomi Indonesia, Letter of Consent*

## Norma N Gill Day® 2025:

### Enhancing wound and ostomy care knowledge and skills for nurses



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Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital in Western Kenya serves a population of more than 25 million Kenyans. As a 1200 bed teaching and referral for 23 counties, patients with acute/chronic wounds and ostomy complications are encountered within the outpatient and inpatient care areas. The nursing workforce of 1000 undergraduate, graduate and post graduate nurses necessitates continuous wound and ostomy care sensitisation and training to enhance knowledge and skills for improved patient outcomes.

To mark 2025 Norma N Gill Day® on 26<sup>th</sup> June, the wound care team conducted training for 51 nurses

(Figure 1) recruited in the institution in 2024 and 2025 with wound and ostomy care patient materials support from Philips Therapeutics Limited.



*Figure 1 Nurses participating in the training*

The event was organised by Senior Director Administration and Finance Dr Benjamin Tarus and graced by the guest of honour Senior Director Clinical Services Dr Owen Menach (Figure 2) who encouraged the new nurses to join the vibrant wound care team and become wound and ostomy champions in their respective wards and other service areas within the hospital.

The nurses were drawn from orthopaedic wards, neurosurgical wards and paediatric wards that have high wound and ostomy care burden. The wounds





Figure 2. Left to right: Derrick Samuel Wound Care Specialist Trainer, Peter Kariuki representing Philips Therapeutics Limited, Dr Owen Menach guest of honour and Margaret Mungai during the opening ceremony. Guest of honour Dr Owen Menach (standing) encourages the wound and ostomy trainees to join the vibrant wound care team that has seen the hospital become a wound and ostomy care center of excellence over the years.

encountered are mainly due to trauma, burns, surgical site infections, diabetic foot ulcers, pressure injuries, cancer and venous insufficiencies among other causes. Cancer and surgical complications are leading causes of ostomy creation among adults whereas congenital anomalies are the major causes among the children.

The training that was held at the Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital Nurses Simulation Centre served as a sensitisation session on the Wound Awareness Month of June 2025 as well as the Norma N Gill Day® 2025, the founder of the World Council of Enterostomal Therapy®(WCET®). The topics covered included:

- Wound and ostomy care closing the gap in universal health coverage in low and middle-income countries (LMICs)
- Ostomy care: indications, types and specific nursing care
- Wound healing, classification, assessment and care planning
- Wound bed preparation
- Wound and ostomy care materials choice
- Practical patient demonstrations.

A Norma N Gill Day® cake cutting ceremony (Figure 3) led by Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital wound care team leader Mrs Margaret Mungai, the chief guest, care managers and trainers cut and served all the training participants with a piece of cake. The sweet cake gesture was used to denote the anticipated positive change nurses should have on wound and ostomy patients' quality of life with improved knowledge and skills.



Figure 3. The guest of honour cutting the Norma N Gill Day® cake assisted by care managers, sponsors and trainers during the training. Left to right: RN Mary Kwambai, Derrick Samuel, Margaret Mungai, Peter Kariuki, Dr Owen Menach, RN Elijah Koros, RN Nereo Murgor and RN Sarah Essendi.

Building capacity in wound and ostomy care among interdisciplinary health care teams in Kenya will ensure improved patient outcomes in all levels of health care provision and strengthen universal health coverage.

## A trip to Indonesia – sharing insights with nurses in Indonesia

**From Penang, Malaysia to Bogor and Jakarta, 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, September 2025**



**Muhammad Afiq bin Mohd Azlin**  
President, Malaysia Society of Wound Ostomy Continence Nurses (MSWOCN)

The journey began on 26<sup>th</sup> September, as I arrived at Soekarno–Hatta International Airport, Indonesia. From there, I travelled directly to Bogor to visit Dr Widasari Sri Gitarja and her dedicated team at WOCARE Bogor.

The visit to WOCARE was truly inspiring. Dr Widasari and her team have successfully established a comprehensive wound and ostomy care centre that serves as both

a clinical and educational hub. The Centre is well-equipped with modern medical equipment, patient care facilities, and a fully functioning education unit where nurses are trained and guided by experienced professionals.

At WOCARE, the team operates seamlessly, some members focus on direct patient care, while others are assigned to educational activities and community outreach programmes. Their efforts also extend to Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives, where they provide essential services and education to underserved communities.

One of the highlights of the visit was the opportunity to tour the Museum Ostomate, a unique and meaningful project established by the WOCARE team. The museum preserves and showcases various stoma-related items and accessories, reflecting the history and progress of ostomy care in Indonesia. Beyond being a display centre, it serves as a community space for individuals living with a stoma to gather, share experiences, and support each other through activities and awareness projects. The museum also manages donations of ostomy supplies, such as pouches and baseplates, to those in need, a beautiful example of compassion in action.

It was truly heartwarming to witness the commitment, teamwork, and leadership demonstrated by Dr Widasari, CEO of WOCARE, and her entire team. Their journey is undoubtedly filled with challenges, perseverance, and

passion, yet their achievements stand as a remarkable example of what dedication and teamwork can accomplish. Kudos to Dr Widasari and her team for continuing to inspire ET nurses throughout the region, a true leader who leads by example.



*My dream to visit this inspiring place came true*



*Photobooth at Level 3, WOCARE Centre, the place where all the education and training sessions are held (me with Kana Fajar)*



*Me with ETs from WOCARE, Kana Fajar, Evi, Pipit, at the Display Centre in the meeting room*



*With ETs at WOCARE from the left; Evi, Kana Fajar, Tomi Abbas, Dr Widasari, me, Pipit, Khairul*



*Me at the Museum Ostomate, briefing by Dek Cut (left) and ET Kana Fajar*





*(Products made by individuals living with a stoma)  
Dek Cut gave a briefing on the collection of stoma bags*



*Education hub at Museum Ostomi*

The second and third days of the trip were spent in Jakarta, where I participated in a two-day Scientific Session. I was honored to be invited as one of the speakers to share my experience on the topic 'Tackling Challenges with Moldable Technology and Accessories', which included real case scenarios and clinical solutions from my own practice.

The scientific sessions were filled with meaningful discussions and clinical insights shared by distinguished speakers and participants. The atmosphere was highly interactive, encouraging exchange of ideas and experiences among nurses and healthcare professionals. It was an excellent platform for mutual learning and regional collaboration in advancing stoma and wound care practice.

This visit to Indonesia was a memorable and enriching experience, offering not only professional growth but also deep personal connections with passionate colleagues who share the same mission, to improve the lives of individuals living with a stoma through knowledge, compassion, and collaboration.

A special thank you to the Indonesian Wound Enterostomal Therapy Continence Nurses Association (InWECNA), RS Fatmawati, Nursing Training Centre, and traders for your hard work and dedication in organising the workshop, which made it a highly successful event.

## Day 2 at Aloft Hotel for the Train the Trainer session



*Case sharing session*



*Practical session*

## Day 3 at Rumah Sakit Fatmawati



*In front of RS Fatmawati*



*Theory session with a participant*



*Practical session*



*Group photo with all*

## Ostomate, Inflammatory Bowel Disease and Corum Seminar and Gathering 2025:

**In Conjunction with the 7<sup>th</sup> Malaysian Enterostomal Therapy Nursing Education Program (METNEP) Aligned with the World Ostomy® Day Theme: Invisible Disabilities: Visible Support — The Global Unity of Ostomates**



**Muhammad Afiq bin Mohd Azlin**  
*President, Malaysia Society of Wound Ostomy Continance Nurses (MSWOCN)*

This year's event was organised jointly by M&T Network Consultancy, the Malaysian Ostomy Association (MOsA), the Unit Terapi Enterostomal (UTE), Hospital Pakar Universiti Sains Malaysia, Colorectal Support Unit, Hospital Raja Permaisuri Bainun Ipoh, CORUM, and the Malaysian Society of Wound, Ostomy and Continance Nurses (MSWOCN), this year's celebration on September 6<sup>th</sup> 2025 was both vibrant and heartwarming, creating remarkable memories for individuals living with a stoma and Enterostomal Therapy Nurses (ETNs) alike.

Madam Mariam Haji Mohd Nasir, Director and Nursing Consultant of M&T Network Consultancy; Mr Saravanan Nagappan, President of the Malaysian Ostomy Association (MOsA); and I, representing MSWOCN, delivered the opening speech.



*Clockwise from left: Madam Mariam Haji Mohd Nasir; Mr Saravanan Nagappan; Muhammad Afiq bin Mohd Azlin*

The day began with an engaging scientific session featuring a lineup of distinguished speakers from various fields (colorectal surgery, urology, ET Nurse, and patient advocacy).

Dr Mohd Hady Shukri Bin Abdul Satar, General Surgeon and Senior Medical Lecturer and Fellow in Colorectal Surgery (MOH) at the Hospital Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah, Universiti Putra Malaysia, opened the session with his insightful presentation on *Challenges in Colorectal Surgery: Identifying Preoperative Risk Factors*.





Dr Mohd Hady Shukri Bin Abdul Satar

This was followed by Professor Dr Azad Hassan Abdul Razack, Senior Consultant Urologist at KPJ Tawakkal Specialist Hospital, Kuala Lumpur, who shared his expert knowledge on *Understanding Urostomy: A Surgical Perspective for Better Patient Outcomes*.



Professor Dr Azad Hassan Abdul Razack

From the nursing perspective, Ms Nurbaisyah Badaruddin, ET, Head of the Colorectal Support Unit, Hospital Raja Permaisuri Bainun, Ipoh, delivered a practical and inspiring session titled *Together We Thrive: Practical Stoma Care for Everyday Life*.



Raja Permaisuri Bainun, Ipoh

Adding a deeply personal and motivational touch, Mr Norazri Mohd Nor, an individual living with a stoma and active CORUM member, shared his powerful journey during his talk, *From Fear to Freedom: Embracing Life*

*After Stoma Surgery*. His story resonated strongly with participants, highlighting courage and resilience after stoma surgery.



Mr Norazri Mohd Nor

As an Enterostomal Therapist Nurse (ETN), Nursing Sister at Penang Adventist Hospital and President of the MSWOCN, I was honoured to deliver the final presentation, *From Bedside to Best Practice: Elevating Stoma Care Standards*, I emphasised the importance of continuous professional growth, evidence-based practice, and unity among ETNs in Malaysia.



Mr Muhammad Afiq Mohd Azlin

The celebration continued with fun and interactive indoor games among individuals living with a stoma, fostering connection, laughter, and a spirit of inclusivity. A special appreciation goes to ETN Ms Nurbaisyah Badaruddin, who demonstrated outstanding commitment by arranging transport for a group of individuals living with a stoma from Ipoh to Subang Jaya, a two-hour journey filled with enthusiasm and joy. Her team's dedication ensured the participants' comfort and made the day even more meaningful. Before returning to Ipoh, the group enjoyed a delightful stop at a nearby chocolate museum, adding a sweet ending to a wonderful day.



Ms Nurbaisyah Badaruddin with individuals living with a stoma and ETNs





From left to right: Afiq, Mr Sara, Madam Mariam

The MSWOCN is deeply grateful for the opportunity to jointly organise this significant and memorable event. Our sincere thanks and appreciation go to Madam Mariam Haji Mohd Nasir, Director and Nursing Consultant of M&T Network Consultancy, and to Mr Saravanan Nagappan, President of the Malaysian Ostomy Association (MOsA), for their collaboration and invitation to be part of this impactful initiative.

Together, through partnership, compassion, and shared purpose, we continue to empower individuals living with a stoma and strengthen the Enterostomal Therapy community in Malaysia.



Participants at the registration counter



Participants attentive during the presentation



Participants attentive during the presentation



MSWOCN Members Group Photo: Back from the left to right: Sushi, Chai, Aisyah, Hazirah Hanim, Thatcher, Sarah, Rosliza, Che Yah, Anis, Akma, Denise, Patricia, and Aini. Front from the left to right: Azam, Jan Ping, Baisyah, Madam Mariam, Afiq, Norhanita, Imran, Fatihi



Group photo with all the nurses who attended the event



Madam Mariam with her dedicated M&T Network and Consultancy Group photo. Back from left to right: Nurdyena, Supartiwiiti, Nik Nurin Batrisyia. Front from Right: Madam Norhanita and Madam Mariam





*Ms Nurbaisyah together with her CRSU team, individuals living with a stoma, and relatives*



*Photographs showing the awareness celebrations*

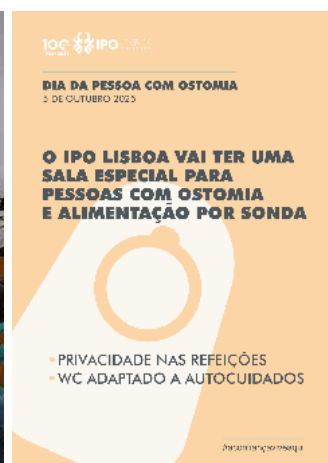


## Portugal Celebrates World Ostomy Day®



**Cláudia Rocha Silva**  
Stoma Care Nurse Nurse,  
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Stomatherapy Outpatient Clinic  
WCET® International Delegate from Portugal

World Ostomy Day® was actively celebrated in Portugal, with initiatives from the north to the south of the country. Stoma therapy nurses provided people with ostomies with training activities, social and family activities with cooking demonstrations and sharing spaces, widely publicised on institutional and personal social networks and the Portuguese Association of Stoma Therapy Nurses (APECE), contributing to the normalisation of the concept of ostomy, celebration, and appreciation of the person with an ostomy.



*Graphics showing that the individuals with a stoma were actively celebrated, recognising the recovery and inclusion efforts made daily by people with ostomies*

**#WorldOstomyDay #VisibleSupport  
#InvisibleDisabilities #apece2005**



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## Celebrating 20 Years of the Association of Stoma Nurses of Serbia



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Удружење СТОМА сестара Србије

Association of STOMA nurses of Serbia

The Serbian Association of Stoma Nurses was founded in October 2005 in Belgrade. Since its establishment, it has been involved in the organisation and implementation of continuing education for nurses, technicians for the implementation of health care for patients with enterostomy and the education of patients with stomas. Since October 2010, we have become members of the European Association of Enterostomal Therapists (ECET) and 2014 member of the World Council Enterostomal Therapists® (WCET®).

The meeting was attended by about 240 colleagues from Serbia, stoma nurses as well as other friends, we took the opportunity to make and achieve various agreements and plans for the future of stoma nurses and patients.

The goals of the association are aimed at:

- Improving the conditions for practicing in the nursing profession while providing the highest quality health care
- Organising and participating in the implementation of health care for patients with stomas
- Influencing the creation of conditions for improving the care and treatment of patients with stomas
- Exchanging experiences in health care for patients with stomas
- Educating patients with stomas, continuing education of nurses and technicians for the health care of patients with stomas

- Cooperation with other associations in the country and abroad

We dedicated that day to remembrance and memories through these 20 years of existence and work.

We hope that we are recognisable in Europe and the world for being a small country who has managed to exist successfully to its anniversary of 20 years.

We look forward to creating a faster and better bridge, across the world, for the stoma program, for the benefit of patients, as well as establishing cooperation with all colleagues.

Belgrade, Serbia extends its arms to all colleagues to come to our country to organise a meeting or congress where we would further strengthen our connection and contacts.



*Left: Zivka Madzic, President of the Association of Stoma Nurses of Serbia.*



*Right: Zoran, Zivka, Dusica lecture on ostomy disc /wafer*



*Panelists on colostomy*



*Interactive participation of listeners and lecturers on the problems of skin irritation under the disc/wafer*

## Association of Stoma Care Nurses UK holds its annual conference in Wales



**Angie Perrin, RGN, MSc, BSc, QN**  
**Acting Chairperson of the ASCN UK**

This year we hosted our annual conference at the International Conference Centre in Wales from 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> October, completely the other end of the UK from last year's joint conference with WCET® in Scotland.



*ASCNUK25's Theme*



*ASCNUK, from left to right: Natasha Rolls (Treasurer), Maddie White (Past Chair & Clinical Practice Development Officer), Caralyn Swash (Secretary) Angie Perrin (Acting Chair & Vice Chair)*

We were delighted to welcome almost 400 nurses to this two and a half day education event, along with 20 industry partners and 10 charities, altogether we had just under 600 individuals attending.

There were two very insightful workshops on Sunday afternoon which explored leadership and another more practical session focussing on Colostomy Irrigation. We then welcomed Breege O'Neill, a Specialist Stoma Care Nurse, along with a patient, Matt Forde, who is a stand-up comedian, host of the chart-topping Political Party podcast, but also an individual who underwent spinal surgery and now lives with a stoma. This opening session really highlighted what we do as Specialist Nurses. The empathy, care and commitment along with the strong professional relationship Breege and Matt had developed was a true testimony to the difference we make to people's lives.

Our theme for this year's scientific programme was **Developing Trends – Enhancing the future of Stoma Care** which was the key focus for many of the keynote speaker sessions. Paul Trevatt opened on Monday morning with an inspiring session empowering us as Stoma Care Nurse Specialists to champion our valuable role and demonstrate our value to others as often, for many, our work is invisible.

Throughout the conference we were subjected to so many interesting and informative presentations, from both keynotes and nurse specialists based throughout the UK, sharing their expertise, experiences and learnings with the audience to promote best practice and enhance care given to our patients.

We had 27 posters all were of an extremely high-quality, offering yet another great learning opportunity for all attendees to ASCNUK25.



*Carly Phillips, Stoma Care Nurse Specialist, received the Best Oral Presentation Award for her presentation 'Planning for the Future: The Gut Microbiome and Emerging Evidence – What Effect Will It Have on Our Practice?'*





*Delegates gathered at the ASCNUK and WCET® Booths*



*Carol and Ian Kattie (WCET® accountant and his wife, both long-time advocates of individuals living with stomas)*



*Catherine Murray, Lead CNS Stoma Care, presenting "Uncovering unexpected insights with the Leakage Impact Assessment Tool"*



*Natasha Rolls, ASCN UK Treasurer, delivering the (Advanced Stoma Care Services) ASCS and ASCN UK professional update*

**ASCNUK26 is planned for Birmingham, 20<sup>th</sup>–22<sup>nd</sup> September. Register for updates here: <https://conference.ascnuk.org/previous-conference-ascnuk25/>**

This year we see Angie Perrin step down as Acting Chairperson and Carolyn Swash steps down as Secretary. Natasha Rolls RN & Community Non-Medical Prescriber Lead Stoma Care Nurse, Bristol Royal Infirmary and Weston Hospitals, will take up the Chairperson position. We also have a new Vice Chairperson, Kevin Hayles and a new Secretary Sue Pridham.

## EXPASS best practice recommendations for exercise and physical activity after stoma surgery



**Sarah Russell MSc**  
**Clinical Exercise Physiologist**  
**Clinical Pilates Instructor**  
**Founder of The Ostomy Studio**  
**Registered Clinical Exercise Physiologist RCCP**



**Kerry Archer MSc, MCSP,**  
**Oncology Physiotherapist**

In the UK, ASCN has recently presented and published the *EXPASS best practice recommendations for exercise and physical activity after stoma surgery*. A huge milestone for the expert panel and authors Sarah Russell (registered exercise physiologist) and Kerry Archer (oncology physiotherapist), who have been working on this project for over 3 years under the guidance of ASCN UK and a significant achievement for ASCN UK. The EXPASS recommendations are a global first and are proudly endorsed by the World Council of Enterostomal Therapists® (WCET®), Nurses Specialised in Wound Ostomy Continence Canada® (NSWOCC®), Association Coloproctology Nurse (ACPN) and physiotherapy groups: Association of Chartered Physiotherapists In Oncology and Palliative Care (ACPOPC) and the Pelvic, Obstetrics and Gynaecology Physiotherapy (POGP),

with others pending. The recommendations are aimed at ALL medical, exercise and healthcare professionals working with individuals having stoma surgery or living with a stoma and it is hoped they will provide education, information and support that is desperately needed specifically about safe exercise, physical activity and core abdominal rehabilitation. Please share



EXPASS at ASCN25 Conference:

From left to right: Kerry Archer, Maddie White, Sarah Russel

widely with colleagues, team members and within your professional networks, as well as on social media and through your communication channels. Thank you.  
[EXPASS Best Practice Recommendations - ASCN UK](https://ascnuk.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/EXPASS-Best-Practice-Recommendations.pdf)

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## EPUAP 2025 Helsinki, Finland



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President, European Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel**

From the 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> of September the European Pressure Advisory Ulcer Panel (EPUAP) was delighted to welcome 555 delegates, from 37 different countries, to its annual meeting in the Finlandia Hall in the beautiful city of Helsinki, Finland. The busy scientific programme included a broad range of topics relating to the prevention and treatment of pressure ulcers/injury. To coincide with the launch of the 2025 updated version of the *International Pressure Ulcer Prevention and Treatment Guideline*, a preconference workshop was held to highlight the key updates for participants. A further conference highlight was a panel discussion on moral distress and missed care in relation to PU/I prevention and treatment. Also very well received was the Meet the Expert forum where clinicians, researchers and industry representatives were brought together with PU/I experts from a variety of fields to explore

specialist topics. We were also very happy to have patient involvement in the session on the impact of pressure ulcers on body image and social interaction. Looking to the future of healthcare, another highlight was the session on digital twins and the use of AI in pressure ulcer care and prevention. The conference also had a thriving social programme with a reception in Helsinki City Hall preceded by, the now traditional, Stop Pressure Ulcer Walk. This culminated in the presentation of a Declaration to the Finnish Parliament (see more detail below). The warm Finnish welcome and sterling work of the local organising committee made for an extremely convivial event where the exchange of scientific knowledge and making new connections was to the fore. As the curtain comes down on EPUAP 2025 in Helsinki, we look forward to Dublin, Ireland (9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> September 2026) where the prevention and treatment of pressure ulcers/injury will be the key focus.

## WCET® supports initiatives to stop pressure ulcer/injuries

Worldwide Pressure Injury Prevention Day (STOP Pressure Ulcer Day) occurs each year on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of November, this year it occurs on Thursday November 20<sup>th</sup>. Around the globe interested parties in the specialties of wound, ostomy, continence/enterostomal therapy/tissue viability and quality and safety, join together to hold awareness and educational events. Despite our growth in relation to advanced knowledge and availability in prevention technology




global pressure ulcer/injury prevalence is said to be around 13% while global hospital acquired (HAPI) rates sit around 8% (Zhaoyu Li et al, 2020). There is global consensus that pressure ulcer/injury causes significant burden in relation to pain and suffering and reduced quality of life (QOL) and increased costs; there is also consensus that the vast majority are preventable. We congratulate the EPUAP on signing the *Declaration to Stop Pressure Ulcers*, and for presenting it to members of the Government of Finland in Helsinki (Dr Päivi Sillanaukee, Special Envoy for Health & Well-being of Finland. Dr Paula Risikko, First Deputy Speaker of the Finnish Parliament).



## EPUAP Declaration to Stop Pressure Ulcers

The European Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel (EPUAP) presented their declaration to stop pressure ulcers at their annual meeting in Helsinki. Calling for governments to recognise that pressure ulcers are preventable and advocating for integrating evidence-based prevention into national healthcare systems.

EPUAP Declaration


### Declaration by EPUAP at the Helsinki EPUAP Annual Meeting 2025

## The prevention of pressure ulcers is a patient safety issue


The STOP Pressure Ulcer Day is held globally every November. It aims to raise awareness about the prevalence of pressure ulcers (also known as bedsores or decubitus ulcers), highlight the importance of prevention, and thereby promote evidence-based management in care for both prevention and treatment.


Pressure ulcers are injuries to the skin and underlying tissue that can affect individuals of any age in any setting. Their prevention must be a daily priority.

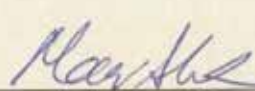
Despite advancements in healthcare, pressure ulcers remain a significant adverse event and common complication in complex patients. The growing number of individuals requiring intensive and prolonged medical care, arising from aging populations and complexity of care, has contributed to a higher risk of pressure ulcers. They are painful, increase the risk of infection and mortality, compromise patient safety, and reduce quality of life. Globally, the cost of treating pressure ulcers is estimated to account for 2% to 4% of total healthcare expenditure.

The majority of pressure ulcers are preventable. Prevention must be embedded into every stage of the care pathways and continuum – in hospitals, long-term care facilities, home care and during patient transport. Achieving this goal requires a shared vision, strategic leadership, consistent policies, a commitment to prevention, and continuous staff education.

We call on governments and policymakers to recognize and acknowledge pressure ulcer prevention as a key patient safety issue and to take decisive action by integrating evidence-based prevention strategies into national healthcare systems. Furthermore, we urge the allocation of dedicated funding for professional education and scientific research in this field.

  
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**Andrea Pokorná**  
 EPUAP President

  
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**Tom O'Connor**  
 EPUAP President-elect

  
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**Maarit Ahtiala**  
 EPUAP 2025 Chair

*EPUAP Helsinki Declaration*

## EPUAP Helsinki Declaration calls for pressure ulcer prevention to become a core health priority in Europe



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Signed during the EPUAP 2025 Conference in Helsinki, the Declaration urges governments and healthcare leaders to take coordinated, evidence-based action for patient safety and quality of care.

**Helsinki, 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025** — During the opening ceremony of the European Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel (EPUAP) Annual Meeting 2025 in Helsinki, the EPUAP leadership officially signed the Helsinki Declaration and presented it to the Special Envoy for Health and Well-being of Finland. The signing marked a landmark step in Europe's collective commitment to preventing pressure ulcers — one of the most common yet largely preventable complications in modern healthcare.

The EPUAP Helsinki Declaration serves as a policy appeal to governments, healthcare authorities, professional organisations, and decision-makers across Europe to recognise pressure ulcer prevention as a fundamental component of patient safety, quality, and dignity in care. It calls for the systematic integration of evidence-based prevention strategies, education, and research within national and institutional health policies.



**Maarit Ahtiala**  
MHSc, RN, Authorised Wound Care Nurse, Wound  
Center project coordinator Turku, Finland, Trustee,  
EPAUP & Conference Chair Helsinki 2025

### A Strategic Framework for Prevention

The Declaration outlines three key objectives that form the foundation of a comprehensive approach to pressure ulcer prevention:

#### 1. Raise political and institutional awareness

Pressure ulcers are not only a clinical concern but a system-wide health issue that reflects the quality and safety of care. The Declaration calls for stronger policy recognition, leadership, and accountability to address the human and economic burden associated with preventable pressure ulcers.

#### 2. Promote preventive action across all care settings

Evidence shows that most pressure ulcers can be prevented through systematic risk assessment, early detection, and adherence to established care protocols. The Declaration encourages healthcare institutions—from hospitals to community care—to embed evidence-based guidelines and standards into everyday practice and to use prevention outcomes as measurable indicators of care quality.

#### 3. Strengthen education, research, and innovation

Sustainable prevention depends on continuous professional training, data-driven decision-making, and investment in research. The Declaration calls for national and international support for multidisciplinary education, research collaboration, and innovation to further advance prevention science and implementation.

### From Treatment to Prevention: A Shift in Health Policy and Culture

With the Helsinki Declaration, EPUAP emphasises that pressure ulcer prevention must move from being a reactive clinical task to a proactive, strategic health priority. Protecting skin integrity should be seen as a marker of excellence in patient safety and a fundamental right to quality care.



The Declaration embodies both a policy roadmap and a moral commitment, inviting healthcare leaders, clinicians, and educators to unite behind a shared vision of “Quality and timely prevention of Pressure Ulcers” across Europe. It underscores that preventing avoidable suffering is not only a medical responsibility but also an ethical and economic imperative that strengthens healthcare systems and safeguards patient dignity.

### Next Steps: Expanding the Helsinki initiative across Europe

Building on the momentum created in Helsinki, EPUAP aims to follow up on the success of engaging governmental representatives and to replicate this collaborative approach in other European countries where EPUAP Trustees are active. The first such national follow-up will take place in the Czech Republic on

November 12<sup>th</sup> 2025, during a Round Table organised in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, focusing on national strategies for pressure ulcer prevention and patient safety. Similar initiatives are expected to be launched in additional countries over the coming months, reinforcing the shared European commitment to sustainable prevention and care quality.

Further details and the full text of the EPUAP Helsinki Declaration can be found at [www.epuap.org/epuap-declaration](http://www.epuap.org/epuap-declaration) and has been published in Journal of Wound Care:

*Pokorná A, O'Connor T, Ahtiala M. Declaration by EPUAP at the 2025 Annual Meeting in Helsinki, Finland. J Wound Care 2025; 34(9):656.*

<https://doi.org/10.12968/jowc.2025.0383>.

## Norma N Gill Foundation® Committee Report



**Dr Katie Capitolo, PhD, RN, FAAN, IIWCC, CNS-c**  
**WCET®-NNGF® Chairperson**

### WCET® - NNGF® Scholarships:

**The 2026 Congress Travel Scholarships and McManus Scholarships** are in the process of being awarded by the NNGF® Scholarship Committee in concert with the Executive Board. The General/Joint NNGF® WCET® Scholarships for the 2026 Congress are under review and will be awarded soon. Scholarships pay for part of the cost of attending Congress. Individuals must have been members for two years to be eligible. Members can apply for scholarships every six years.

**The Australian Association of Stoma therapy Nurses (AASTN):** has made a generous donation enabling additional scholarships to be awarded to nurses from low resource nations.

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Scholarships are available for nurses who want to attend a WCET® credentialed ETNEP Program through the generosity of Elizabeth Ayello and her extended family, The Joe and Betty Garofalo Cutrofello Memorial Scholarship. Applications are open all year and available on the WCET® website.



### Membership Scholarships:

WCET® membership scholarships are provided to nurses and students from low resource nations through the generosity of our members. Consider donating a scholarship for one of your students or colleagues. Two membership scholarships were awarded to nurses from Iran and Africa in September, 2025



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## Education reports from around the world

The 19<sup>th</sup> WCET® Nanjing Enterostomal Therapy Nursing Education Program (ETNEP) has started



**Ling Wu,**  
*WOC Specialist from Nanjing Drum Tower Hospital*



**Yatao Zhang,**  
*Student of the 19<sup>th</sup> Nanjing ETNEP*

On August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025, the 19<sup>th</sup> WCET® Nanjing Enterostomal Therapy Nursing Education Program (ETNEP), co-sponsored by the Jiangsu Nursing Association and the Nursing School of Nanjing Medical University, successfully commenced. After independent application and strict selection, a total of 36 trainees from Jiangsu Province, Sichuan Province and Anhui Province were admitted to this training program. To date, Nanjing ETNEP has trained 446 International Enterostomal therapists, covering all provinces in China except Tibet.

The main guests attending the opening ceremony were: Xiaorong Huo, President of the Jiangsu Nursing Association and President of the ETNEP; Qin Xu, Dean of the Nursing School of Nanjing Medical University and Weng Yajuan (Julie), past WCET® Education Committee Chair and Chairperson of Wound Ostomy Continence Nursing Committee of Jiangsu Nursing Association. Vice Chairperson Juyun Li presided over the opening ceremony.

Chairperson Weng Yajuan, representing the WCET® Education Committee, extended a warm welcome and sincere congratulations to all students of the 19<sup>th</sup> Nanjing ETNEP. She announced that currently there are 94 theoretical teaching instructors for this project, and 20 Jiangsu Province-based practical teaching bases

(three new ones were added this year). The teaching staff are highly competent. Meanwhile, she shared her journey from clinical practice to the international stage, particularly her valuable experience in promoting the development of global stoma nursing education standards during her tenure as Chair of the WCET® Education Committee (2020–2024). She encouraged the participants to maintain their passion and original aspirations for nursing, cherish this valuable learning opportunity, continuously strive for breakthroughs in their professional development, become the backbone of China's stoma, wound and continence nursing profession, and make China's voice heard on the global stoma, wound and continence nursing stage.

President Xiaorong Huo fondly reviewed the 18-year development and remarkable achievements of the ETNEP since its founding in 2007. She highly praised the school's unique training characteristics, characterised by deep integration of industry, academia, and research, and multidisciplinary support, fostered by the dual strengths of the Jiangsu Nursing Association and the School of Nursing of Nanjing Medical University. She noted that the school consistently adheres to high-level planning, boasting a well-structured and experienced faculty while continuously improving its curriculum and teaching philosophies to ensure its educational offerings remain at the forefront of the profession.



*The main guests attending the opening ceremony: Left to right, Juyun Li, Jinfeng Wu, Xiaorong Huo, Qin Xu, Yajuan Weng*

The opening ceremony concluded successfully with the class flag handover ceremony in a warm and solemn atmosphere. The leaders and guests present took a group photo with all the students to record this memorable moment.

After the opening ceremony, teacher Juyun Li gave a detailed introduction to the historical evolution, student map and course arrangement of the ETNEP, so that students can plan and arrange their study and life in the next three months in a planned and purposeful manner; finally, teachers Min Wei and Lei Guo conducted an ice-breaker activity with 36 students. Through team integration battles, personal self-sharing and other activities, they broke down the barriers between students, increased communication and understanding, and laid a good atmosphere for future learning.

This opening not only marks the beginning of a new professional journey for a new generation of nurses but also demonstrates Nanjing International Stoma Therapist School's commitment to adapting to new demands and cultivating new talent in the new era. The school will continue to uphold high standards, rigorous requirements, and an international approach to education, continuously optimising its curriculum,

strengthening faculty development, and deepening international cooperation, injecting new impetus into the sustainable development of stoma nursing in China and writing a new chapter.



*Group photo*



*Ice-breaker activity session*

## The 16<sup>th</sup> training course of Wenzhou ET School was successfully launched

温州国际造口治疗师学校第十六期培训班开班



**Limin Fu**  
**Wenzhou Medical University**



**Yumei (Mary) Li**  
**Deputy Director of Nursing**  
**Second Affiliated Hospital of**  
**Wenzhou Medical**



**Aihua (Alice) Chen**  
**Director of Wenzhou ET School**

In the afternoon of July 7<sup>th</sup>, the opening ceremony of the 16<sup>th</sup> training class of Wenzhou Enterostomy Therapist (ET) School was held. It was sponsored by Wenzhou Medical University and undertaken by the Nursing School, as well as the Second Affiliated Hospital of Wenzhou Medical University. It was held in a conference room of Chashan Campus.

7月7日下午，由温州医科大学主办，温州医科大学护理学院、温州医科大学附属第二医院承办的温州国际造口治疗师（ET）学校第十六期培训班开班仪式在学校茶山校区7C306会议室举行。

Academician Li Xiaokun, President of Wenzhou Medical University, Dr Elizabeth A Ayello, former President of WCET®, and Dr Kathleen Capitolo, Chairperson of the



Norma Gill Foundation® (NNGF®) of WCET®, delivered video speeches for the opening of the class. Nearly 40 participants attended the opening ceremony including Cai Fuman, Dean of the School of Nursing; Zhang Chunmei, Chairman of Wenzhou Nursing Society and vice president of the Second Affiliated Hospital; directors of the Nursing Department of each practice based in Wenzhou, and clinical instructors, and all the students of the 16th session. The ceremony was hosted by Huang Xiaoqiong, vice president of the School of Nursing. The opening ceremony reviewed the history and achievements of 15 training courses by Wenzhou ET School.

温州医科大学校长李校堃院士、国际造口治疗师协会原主席 Elizabeth A Ayello女士，世界国际造口治疗师协会Norma Gill基金主席Kathleen Capitulo女士为培训班开班视频致辞。护理学院院长蔡福满，温州市护理学会理事长、附属第二医院副院长张春梅，温州各实践基地护理部主任以及临床带教老师，第十六期全体学员等近40人参加开班仪式。仪式由护理学院副院长黄小琼主持。开幕式上回顾了温州国际造口治疗师学校第一到第十五期培训班的办学历程和所取得的成绩。

On behalf of the University, academic Li Xiaokun congratulated all on the opening of this training course and welcomed new students. He said that the university attaches great importance to academic

research and technological innovation in the field of stoma, wound and continence care, and fully affirmed the work of the Nursing School in the field of stoma, wound and continence care. He also put forward great expectations for the students. He hoped that during the training period, the students would not only study the innovative theories and core technologies of stoma wound continence care, but also cultivate the spirit of “patient-centered” humanistic care, so as to become a pioneering force to promote the high-quality development of China’s stoma, wound and continence care.

李校堃院士代表学校对本届培训班的开班表示祝贺，也对各位新学员的到来表示欢迎。他表示学校高度重视造口伤口失禁护理领域的学术研究与技术创新，对护理学院在造口伤口失禁护理领域的工作给予了充分肯定，也对本期培训班的学员们提出了殷切期望。希望各位学员在培训期间不仅要潜心钻研造口伤口失禁护理的创新理论与核心技术，更要培育起“以患者为中心”的人文关怀精神，成为推动我国造口伤口失禁护理事业高质量发展的先锋力量。

On behalf of the World Council of Enterostomal Therapists® (WCET®), Dr Elizabeth A Ayello and Dr Kathleen Capitulo expressed their sincere gratitude to all the faculty members who have devoted their



16<sup>th</sup> training class of Wenzhou Enterostomy Therapist (ET) School



The President of Wenzhou Medical University, Academician Li Xiaokun



Reviewing the history and achievements of the Wenzhou ETNEP



On screen left to right: Virtual remarks from Dr Kathleen Capitulo, Chair of the Norma N Gill Foundation® of WCET®, and the Past President of WCET®, Dr Elizabeth A Ayello

time and efforts to the Wenzhou ETNEP and warmly congratulated the new students. They reviewed 20 years of working with their counterparts in Wenzhou nursing and participating in the training course, and especially shared their precious experience of participating in the training and teaching. They looked forward to the successful completion of their studies and certification of all the students and sent their most sincere greetings and best wishes.

Elizabeth A Ayello女士与Kathleen Capitulo 世界造口理事會® (WCET®), 向为温州国际造口治疗师学校倾注心血的全体教师致以诚挚谢意, 并对新学员表示热烈祝贺。她们深情回顾了与温州护理界二十载精诚合作的历程, 特别分享了参与培训教学的珍贵经历。她们殷切期盼全体学员圆满完成学业, 顺利获得认证, 并送上最真挚的问候与美好祝福。

On behalf of the School of Nursing, Dean Cai Forman delivered a speech. He introduced the achievements of the School in recent years in the areas of talent cultivation, discipline research and professional development, especially the achievements of the School in the field of wound, stoma and continence. He hoped that during the training period, the students could take an empty cup mentality, study the new concepts and technologies in the field of ostomy wound and continence care, and make breakthroughs and innovations in their professional fields; take an open mind, draw wisdom from academic collisions, and integrate their personal learning into the development of global health; transform what they have learned into the power of guarding life, and interpret their professional values in clinical practice, while contributing wisdom and commitment to the high-quality development of China's stoma, wound and continence care. The program will contribute to the development of high-quality stoma, wound and continence care in China.

蔡福满院长代表护理学院致辞, 他介绍了近几年来学院在人才培养、学科科研、专业建设等方面取得的成效, 尤其是学院在伤口造口失禁领域取得的

成果。他希望学员在培训期间能以空杯心态, 沉心钻研造口伤口失禁护理领域的新理念、新技术, 在专业领域不断突破创新; 以开放胸襟, 在学术碰撞中汲取智慧, 将个人所学融入全球健康事业发展大局; 将所学所得转化为守护生命的力量, 在临床实践中诠释专业价值, 为我国造口伤口失禁护理的高质量发展贡献智慧与担当。

Vice President Zhang Chunmei spoke on behalf of the Municipal Nursing Society and the Affiliated Second Hospital, welcoming all the new students, introducing the basic overview of the Affiliated Second Hospital and the results achieved in talent training and specialised nursing development. She said that the Wenzhou ETNEP was characterised by three major features: authority, professionalism and practice, and expected that all the trainees should be diligent learners and thinkers, practitioners of excellence, and guardians of warmth and benevolence, so as to promote the development of the discipline of ostomy, wound and continence nursing in China.

张春梅副院长代表市护理学会及附属第二医院发言, 向各位新学员的到来表示欢迎, 介绍了附属二院的基本概况以及在人才培养和专科护理建设方面取得的成效。她表示, 温州国际造口治疗师培训班具有权威性、专业性、实践性三大特色, 期望各位学员要做勤学善思的求知者、精益求精的践行者、温暖仁爱的守护者, 推动我国造口伤口失禁护理学科发展。

Zhou Xin, from Jiangxi Provincial Cancer Hospital spoke as a representative of the new students. She thanked the school for providing a learning platform, and stated that they would cherish the opportunity to learn, study the theoretical knowledge seriously, build up the specialty skills solidly, really improve the level of specialty technology, and put the knowledge gained to serve the clinic, serve the patients, and contribute their own professional power to promote the development of specialty nursing.

来自江西省肿瘤医院周欣作为新学员代表发言, 感谢学校提供的学习平台, 并表态将珍惜此次学习的



President of Nursing School of Wenzhou Medical University, Dr  
Cai Fuman



Vice President of the Second Affiliated Hospital of Wenzhou  
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Wenzhou Enterostomy Therapist School, founded in 2009, as the fifth international training school for enterostomal therapists in China, and the only one in Zhejiang Province, has trained 352 professionals, over the past 16 years, for 32 provinces, autonomous regions, and municipalities, directly under the central government, and Hong Kong and Macao, Special Administrative Regions in China. These backbones of specialised nursing are spread all over the country, which has strongly promoted the high-quality development of China's specialised nursing career. In this training course, more than 20 excellent trainees from Xinjiang, Chongqing, Fujian and other provinces (autonomous regions and municipalities) have been selected. In the next three months, the students will receive all-round training in theoretical learning, clinical practice and scientific research capacity development, so as to lay a solid foundation for becoming an international enterostomal therapist.

温州国际造口治疗师学校创建于2009年，作为全国第五所、浙江省唯一的国际造口治疗师培训学校，16年来已为我国32个省、自治区、直辖市及香港、澳门特别行政区培养352名专业人才。这些专科护理骨干遍布全国各地，有力推动了我国专科护理事业的高质量发展。本期培训班择优录取了来自新疆、重庆、福建等省（区、市）的20余名优秀学员，未来三个月，学员们将在理论学习、临床实践和科研能力培养等方面接受全方位训练，为成为国际化造口治疗师奠定坚实基础。



The new student Zhang Xin spoke on behalf of the classmates



The whole group who participated the open ceremony of 16<sup>th</sup> Course of Wenzhou ET School: Front row from left to right, Yumei Li, Hang Zhang, Yuedan Xu, Xiaoqun Xu, Fuman Cai, Xiaoqiong Huang, Aixia Wang, Haihong Wang, Ruohe Li

校，16年来已为我国32个省、自治区、直辖市及香港、澳门特别行政区培养352名专业人才。这些专科护理骨干遍布全国各地，有力推动了我国专科护理事业的高质量发展。本期培训班择优录取了来自新疆、重庆、福建等省（区、市）的20余名优秀学员，未来三个月，学员们将在理论学习、临床实践和科研能力培养等方面接受全方位训练，为成为国际化造口治疗师奠定坚实基础。

## The 14<sup>th</sup> Xi'an Enterostomal Therapist Nurse Education Program wraps up



Lina Qiao

The First Affiliated Hospital  
of Xi'an Jiaotong University



Xianzhen Jin

The First Affiliated Hospital  
of Xi'an Jiaotong University

The 14<sup>th</sup> cohort of Xi'an Enterostomal Therapist Nurse Education Program has successfully completed its intensive 12-week training program, graduating 26 new certified Enterostomal Therapist. Drawing participants from 11 provinces and municipalities across China, the participants continued the school's tradition of small-class, elite education delivered in strict accordance with the World Council of Enterostomal Therapist's (WCET®) standards.

### A rigorous, evidence-based curriculum

The program integrates 230 hours of theoretical instruction with six weeks of immersive clinical practice. The curriculum covers core modules such as stoma care, stoma complications, wound management, continence care, and the use of specialised nursing products. Seven comprehensive assessments ensure consistent academic and clinical standards throughout the training.



The opening ceremony: A group photo of teachers and students

## Global and local expertise

The faculty comprised 97 educators and clinicians, including two international experts. Distinguished guest lecturers included Ms Louise Forest Lalande, past WCET® President, Professor KerylIn Carville from Curtin University, Australia, and National leaders such as Zhou Yujie of Peking University Third Hospital and Yajuan (Julie) Weng of Nanjing Drum Tower Hospital, all of whom delivered cutting-edge lectures for the participants.



Professor Yajuan (Julie) Weng and Professor KerylIn Carville teach the students

## Blended learning and hands-on practice

The program adopted a hybrid model that integrated theoretical lectures with hands-on workshops. Daily self-study periods and interactive seminars fostered active learning, while targeted skill labs covered core procedures such as stoma care, wound debridement, compression therapy and ankle brachia index (ABI) measurement.



Students in clinical practice



Students in clinical practice

## Clinical practicum: Standardised and immersive

Clinical training took place across 16 hospitals and 20 practice sites. A unique “one-to-two” mentorship model paired each senior ET nurse with two trainees, ensuring high-quality instruction. Clinical rotations included observation of stoma surgeries, urodynamic studies, outpatient stoma care, ward rounds, inpatient consultations, burn wound care, and continence management.



Professor KerylIn Carville's workshop

## Outcome and impact

All 26 participants passed the final assessments and received the International Enterostomal Therapist certificate, becoming the newest cohort of specialised nursing professionals.



Graduation Ceremony: A group photo of teachers and students



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## WCET® Re-recognition Site Visit for the Croatian ETNEP Program: A reflection on collaboration and growth



**Dr Vesna Konjevoda,**  
**WCET® Education Program Director, Faculty of Health  
Studies, University of Rijeka, Croatia**

In September 2025, we had the honour of welcoming the WCET® Education Committee to the Faculty of Health Studies, University of Rijeka, for the re-recognition site visit of our Croatian Enterostomal Therapy Nursing Education Program (ETNEP). It was a great pleasure to host the review team and to share our work, achievements, and ongoing developments in enterostomal therapy nursing education.

Following the site visitors' review and the decision of the Education Committee Chair, we are proud to share that our program has been successfully re-recognised until September 2029.

Our deepest gratitude goes to Professor Angela Boccara, Chair of the WCET® Education Committee, and her review team, for their patience, encouragement, and dedication throughout the process. Their careful review of our preliminary documentation and their thoughtful



**WCET® Education Committee members meet with students:**  
**Left to right, Dr Deniz Harputlu, WCET® International Delegate**  
**for Iceland and Education Committee Member, Andreja**  
**Župan Perše, Hrvojka Stipetić, Ivana Pugar, Silvija Lovrić,**  
**Nataša Copić, Antonia Sever, Petra Horvat, Jelena Jurakić,**  
**Mirjana Zukančić and Laurent O Chabal, WCET® President**

guidance were invaluable and greatly appreciated by our entire team.

We were deeply grateful for the presence of Dr Deniz Harputlu, whose kindness, professionalism, and sincere interest in the progress of our program left a lasting impression. Her thoughtful feedback and warm encouragement during the students' presentations meant a great deal to us all.

It was also a special pleasure to once again welcome Laurent O Chabal, the current President of WCET®,



*Dr Deniz Harputlu*

who has previously led our program site visit. Seeing him again felt like reuniting with an old friend and mentor. His inspiring lectures, together with those of Dr Harputlu, were received with great enthusiasm by our students, who listened attentively and engaged with joy and curiosity. Their impressive case study presentations made us all proud.

We were also joined online by Zarah Perry-Woodford,



*Laurent O Chabal*



ETNEP Primary ET, whose supportive message and professional insights were greatly appreciated and reinforced the sense of international collaboration.



*Zarah Perry-Woodford*

The Faculty of Health Studies in Rijeka deeply values the continuous support of WCET®, whose collaboration and recognition inspire us to uphold the highest standards in education and clinical practice. We remain committed to listening carefully to the needs of our patients, students, and the professional community, ensuring our curriculum remains both relevant and compassionate.

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to our Dean, Professor Daniela Malnar, for her vision and ongoing support, to Sanja Juretić, MSc, our dedicated program coordinator, for her exceptional commitment, and to Professor Marko Zelić MD, abdominal surgeon,

academic teacher, and President of the Digestive Society of surgeons, for his strong professional endorsement and continuous encouragement.

This successful re-licensing represents not only academic recognition but also a celebration of teamwork, learning, and shared commitment to excellence in enterostomal therapy nursing.

Warm thanks to everyone involved, our faculty, clinical preceptors, WCET® colleagues, and most of all, our wonderful students. Your enthusiasm and dedication continue to inspire us all.



*Students, faculty lecturers & WCET® Site Visitors, back row, Left to right: Morana Magaš, Tanja Janež, Snježana Juričić, Nataša Copić, Ivana Pugar, Deniz Harputlu, Silvija Lovrić, Petra Horvat, Jelena Jurakić, Mirjana Zukančič, Andreja Župan Perše, Hrvojk Stipetić, Sanja Juretić, front row, left to right Antonia Sever, Vesna Konjevoda, Laurent O Chabal*

## WCET® Education Committee visit the University Medical Centre, Ljubljana in Slovenia



***Tadeja Krišelj, RN, BScOrg, ET***

***Head of the WOC Enterostomal Nursing Education Course, University Medical Centre Ljubljana, Slovenia***

From April 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> 2025, the University Medical Centre Ljubljana (UMCLJ) had the great honor of hosting Professor Dr Juliano Teixeira Moraes and Dr Giulia Villa, distinguished representatives of the WCET® Education Committee. The purpose of their visit was to evaluate and support the Wound, Ostomy and Continence (Enterostomal Therapy) Nursing Education Course in Slovenia. It was coordinated by the Nurses Counselling Service at UMCLJ.

On Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, a welcoming ceremony took place in the Blue Saloon Conference Room at UMCLJ.

Opening remarks were delivered by:

- Associate Professor Dr Marko Jug, General Manager of UMCLJ
- Denis Kordež, State Secretary, Ministry of Health
- Zdenka Mrak, Chief Nursing Officer of UMCLJ
- Anita Prelec, President of the Nurses and Midwives Association of Slovenia
- Renata Batas, President of the Professional Group of Nurses in Enterostomal Therapy

Tadeja Krišelj, RN, BScOrg, ET, Head of the WOC (Enterostomal Therapy) Nursing Education Course in Slovenia, presented the history and structure of the national educational program, which has been



*Welcoming ceremony: Left to right: Irena Špela Cvetežar, Anita Jelar, Tadeja Krišelj, Professor Dr Marko Jug, Zdenka Mrak, Maja Medvešček Smrekar*



*Tina Gros, Eva Dajčman Šterk, Lucija Rojko, Denis Kordež, Professor Dr Juliano Teixeira Moraes, Dr Giulia Villa, Anita Prelec, Renata Batas*

continuously running for more than 30 years. She introduced the 12-month curriculum, the four-module structure, mentorship network, and collaboration with the University of Ljubljana. Special emphasis was placed on the inclusion of continence care content and the strong practical component of the course.

Following the presentations, guests visited several

clinical learning stations within UMCLJ, including the Departments of Vascular Diseases, Thoracic Surgery, Urology, and Abdominal Surgery, where they met clinical mentors and students in training.

### Educational and academic visits

On Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, the delegation visited the Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Ljubljana, where they were welcomed by Dr Manca Pajnič, Head of the Nursing Department. Guests toured the library and discussed academic cooperation and access to educational resources for ET students. Later that day, the WCET® representatives met with participants of the current ET course. The meeting provided valuable insight into students' learning experiences, motivation, and perspectives on the program. Individual discussions followed, enabling open dialogue about clinical practice and educational challenges.

### Evaluation and closing session

The final evaluation meeting was held on Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, at UMCLJ. The discussion highlighted the high quality, structure, and international alignment of the Slovenian WOC Nursing Education Course.

The visitors commended:

- the dedication of educators and mentors,
- the integration of theoretical and clinical learning, and
- the strong inter-institutional cooperation among UMCLJ, the Oncology Institute, General Hospital Jesenice, the Ljubljana Health Centre, and IATROS Medical Centre.

Dr Villa and Professor Moraes expressed support for Slovenia's efforts to establish a national specialisation in Wound, Stoma and Continence Nursing, emphasising that formal recognition of the ET role would significantly strengthen the profession's development and sustainability.

### Reflections and future directions

The visit concluded in a spirit of gratitude and professional inspiration. The WCET® evaluation



*Visit to learning stations at UMCLJ*





*Closing evaluation meeting*

reaffirmed that the Slovenian WOC Enterostomal Nursing Education Course is well-structured, evidence-based, and consistent with WCET® standards. It was also recognised as a model of collaboration, innovation, and commitment to lifelong learning.

Enterostomal therapists can make a huge difference in patient life but it is urgent to be well educated. We are happy to see that our effort was seen. We are proud that the excellence of our program and the hard work of the entire team in Slovenia was recognised by representatives of the WCET® Education Committee, Professor Dr Juliano Teixeira Moraes and Dr Giulia Villa. It was also a really nice experience for us meeting them and also our participants were excited with their presentation of wide spectrum of enterostomal therapists' fields of working. We are really happy and honoured to share our knowledge and experience about wound, ostomy and continence topics in Slovenia and to get an opportunity to improve our program with guidance of WCET® Educational Committee Members. The site visit was a really nice, encouraging experience, an opportunity to grow, to break the boundaries in our head. We are grateful and proud to be the part of the WCET® family.

We believe we are on the right path, with new generations of Enterostomal Therapists, fresh enthusiasm, and a shared goal of improving the quality

and cost-effectiveness of the care of individuals with wound, ostomy, and continence conditions across Slovenia.



*Group photo of WCET® visitors with the members of the organising/program committee: left to right: Irena Špela Cvetežar, Anita Jelar, Professor Dr Juliano Teixeira Moraes, Dr Giulia Villa, Tadeja Krišelj, Maja Medvešček Smrekar.*

### Appreciation Emails for Education Committee

Dear Denise,  
(12<sup>th</sup> October 2025)

I hope this message finds you well.

*"We sincerely missed your presence in Ljubljana this spring during the evaluation meeting of the WCET® Education Committee. It was, however, a great pleasure and honour to meet prof. Dr. Juliano Teixeira Moraes and Dr. Giulia Villa, whose expertise, experience, and professionalism left a most favourable impression on all of us".*

I look forward to maintaining and further strengthening our collaboration, and I send you my warmest regards.

**Yours sincerely,**

*Tadeja Krišelj*  
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Dear Denise,  
(2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025)

*"Thank you; we are really happy to hear that our effort is seen and also grateful to WCET®, especially to you, because your recommendations and ideas encouraged us to archive this. I will never forget our conversation back in 2015 about fecal incontinence; at that time for me it was like Science Fiction, today I know you were a visionary for Slovenian system at that time".*

Kind regards.

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