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President & President Elect joint message



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Planning is everything

In August of this year the WCET® Executive Board held their annual board meeting. This was the first board meeting for us as the new President and President Elect. We had hoped it would be a face-to-face meeting for all board members and the incoming non-voting board members but, despite our best efforts, some were unable to travel. You will hear more in this issue about our experience of this exciting hybrid event. The main aim of this meeting is to reflect on the past, take stock of the present situation, and undertake an assessment based on current and future needs, trends and innovations, before planning, building and approving the strategy of the new board for the next four years.

A goal without a plan is just a wish – Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

Obviously, the plan for any new strategy must include a budget. As a registered charity, the WCET® is unable to offer resources and services for its members without funding. In advance, we would like to thank you, our members and our organisation and industry partners, for your donations, sponsorship and support in helping us achieve the 2023–2027 strategy. We (Laurent and Denise) would also like to show our deep appreciation for the work done by our volunteer Executive Board and non-voting Executive Board members.

We are delighted to again be celebrating our immediate Past President, Dr Elizabeth A. Ayello, who was the 2023 recipient of the INANE Margaret Comerford Freda Award, for her editorial excellence and commitment to nursing publications. We are very proud to say our very own *WCET® Journal* is



one of Elizabeth's editorial achievements. You can read more about these celebrations in this issue.

We would also like to congratulate the 2023 Class of Fellows inducted into the American Academy of Nursing (AAN), they are "recognized for their substantial, sustained, and outstanding impact on health and health care" (AAN). We would especially like you to join us in celebrating Ms Yajuan (Julie) Weng, from China, WCET's very own Education Committee Chair, and Dr Dimitri Beeckman from Belgium for being honoured in this year's awards.

AAN (2023) American Academy of Nursing announces the 2023 Class of New Fellows.

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With every piece of good news, we seem to have some sad. We again say goodbye to a WCET® friend and supporter. It was with great sorrow that we heard of the passing of Professor Pavle Košorok, a dedicated consultant surgeon and strong supporter of enterostomal therapy, not only in his own country Slovenia, but worldwide. May he rest in peace.

Among the members that we regularly celebrate are our International Delegates (IDs). This position is extremely important. IDs connect us with national members and help us spread the word and build our international membership. They not only provide us with a network to hear what is going on globally, how we celebrate special days such as WCET® Norma N. Gill Day® or World Ostomy Awareness Day, which was held this year on 7th October, and Worldwide Stop Pressure Injury Day on 16th November, but also how we view issues or provide care or services in other countries. We rely heavily on them to organise and participate in Congress; as you know our next will be in collaboration with the ASCN-UK in Glasgow, UK in September 2024. We would like to welcome Danila Maculotti as the new Italian ID, and to thank Dr Giulia Villa for her work; we appreciate her continued work on the Education Committee. Recently we have seen a drop in ID membership, I would like to reach out to you all, not only to let you know how important you are, but to ask what can we do to help? Please see the ID page for the countries without IDs.

By the time you read this issue, World Ostomy Awareness Day celebrations will have taken place on 7th October and Worldwide Stop Pressure Injury Day on 16th November. Thank you to those who have already sent your wonderful stories; we really look forward to receiving more for the next *bulletin*. We would also

like to show our appreciation to the speakers of the November Webinar on parastomal hernia, Dr Kimberley LeBlanc and Sarah Russel, also to Julie Weng, Education Chair, Heidi Hu, Webinar Coordinator, and the task force members.

We hope you will enjoy reading everyone's news from around the world; thank you to those who have contributed to this issue, helping stay connected and up to date on more recent events. Many thanks once again for your very valuable contributions; we urge you to get others involved. I (Denise) am looking forward to writing about my visit with SOBEST® in Brazil for their conference 21–25th October.

Sincerely
Denise and Laurent

计划就是一切

(Translated into Chinese by Michelle Lee)

今年 8 月，WCET® 执行委员会召开了年度执委会会议。这是我们作为新任主席和候任主席的第一次执委会会议。我们原本希望这将是所有执行委员会成员和即将上任、没有投票权的执委会成员的面对面会议，但尽管我们尽了最大努力，仍有一些人无法出席。你将在本期中知道更多有关我们这兴奋的活动的信息。这次会议的主要目的是回顾过去，检视现状，根据当前和未来的需求、趋势和创新进行评估，然后规划、制定和核准新执委会未来四年的策略。

“没有计划的目标只是一个愿望。” – Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

显然，任何新策略都必须包括预算。作为注册慈善机构，WCET® 在没有资金的情况下，无法为其会员提供资源和服务。首先，我们要感谢你，我们的会员，我们的组织和产业合作伙伴，感谢你们的捐赠，赞助和支持，帮助我们实现 2023–2027 年的策略。我们（洛朗和丹尼斯）也要对我们的义工，执行委员会成员、和无投票权的执委会成员所做的工作，表示深切的赞赏。

我们很高兴再次庆祝我们的前主席，Elizabeth A. Ayello 博士，她因出色的编辑工作和对护理刊物的奉献而荣获 2023 年 INANE Margaret Comerford Freda 奖项。我们非常自豪地说，我们的 WCET® 期刊、也是 Elizabeth 的编辑成就之一。你可以在本期阅读关于这些庆祝活动的更多资讯。

我们也要祝贺 2023 届入选美国护理学院的院士，他们「因对健康和医疗保健的实质性、持续性和杰出的影响而受到认可」(AAN)。我们特别希望你能与我们一起庆祝 WCET® 教育委员会主席，来自中国的翁雅娟女士和来自比利时的 Dimitri Beeckman 博士荣获今年的奖项。



每一个好消息的背后，都可能有些悲伤。我们再次告别 WCET® 一位朋友和支持者。得知 Pavle Košorok 教授去世的消息，我们感到非常悲伤，他是一位敬业的顾问外科医生，也是造口治疗的坚定支持者，不仅在他自己的国家斯洛维尼亚，而是在全世界。愿他安息。

我们经常表扬的成员也包括我们的国际代表 (ID)。这个位置极为重要。ID 将我们与国内会员联系起来，帮助我们传递信息并建立我们的国际会员资格。他们为我们提供了一个网络来了解全球正在发生的事情，以及我们如何庆祝特殊的日子。例如今年10月7日举行的WCET® Norma N. Gill Day® 或世界造口意识日，以及11月16日的全球停止压力损伤日，也包括我们如何在其他国家提供关怀或服务或看待相关的问题。我们非常依赖他们来组织和参与大会，正如你所知，我们的下一届大会将与 ASCN-UK合作，于2024年9月在英国格拉斯哥举行。我们欢迎 Danila Maculotti 成为新的意大利 ID，并感谢Giulia Villa博士的工作，我们也感激她仍继续留在教育委员会做事。最近我们看到ID成员数量有所下降，我想联系你们，不仅是让你们知道你们有多重要，而且想知道我们能做些什么来帮助你们。对于没有国际代表 (ID) 的国家，请参阅国际代表页面。我们预先感谢你如果你能挺身而出，为我们没有国际代表 (ID) 的国家担任这一重要职务。

当你阅读本期刊时，10月7日世界造口意识日及11月16日全球停止压力损伤日的庆祝活动经已举行。感谢那些已经发送精彩故事的人，我们真诚地期待在下一个公报中收到更多相关内容。我们也要感谢11月的网路研讨会，造口旁症的演讲者 Kimberley LeBlanc 博士和 Sarah Russel，教育委员会主席Julie Weng以及网路研讨会协调员Heidi Hu和工作小组成员。

我们希望你喜欢阅读来自各人在世界各地的消息。感谢那些对这期公报所作贡献的人，帮助保持联系并更新最近期的事件。再次非常感谢你所做的宝贵贡献，我们鼓励你让其他人参与其中。我（丹尼斯）期待写下我在巴西参加 SOBEST® 在10月21至25日举行的会议的经历。

最亲切的问候
丹尼斯和洛朗

La planification est primordiale

(Translated into French by Laurent Chabal)

Le Comité Exécutif du WCET® a eu sa rencontre annuelle en août dernier. Ce fut la première rencontre du Comité pour le nouveau Président et la nouvelle Présidente Éluë. Nous avons espéré qu'elle puisse se tenir en face à face avec l'ensemble des membres du Comité, ainsi qu'avec ses futurs membres qui n'ont pas encore le droit de vote. Mais, malgré nos efforts un certain

nombre d'entre eux n'ont pu venir. Dans ce numéro, vous en apprendrez plus sur cet événement hybride passionnant. Son principal but aura été d'analyser ce qui s'est passé, faire le point sur la situation actuelle, de mener une évaluation basée sur les besoins actuels et futurs, ainsi que sur les innovations en cours, afin de prévoir, construire et approuver notre stratégie pour les quatre années à venir.

Tout objectif sans plan n'est qu'un souhait – Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

Un plan comprenant une stratégie doit assurément inclure un budget. Étant une charité enregistrée, le WCET® serait incapable d'offrir à ses membres des ressources et des services sans financement. Par avance, nous tenons à remercier tous nos membres, organisations et partenaires de l'industrie pour leurs donations, leurs soutiens financiers, et leurs aides à la réalisation de notre stratégie 2023–2027. Nous (Laurent et Denise) tenons aussi à exprimer notre profonde gratitude à l'ensemble du travail réalisé par les membres du Comité Exécutif et de ces futurs membres.

Encore une fois, nous sommes ravis de célébrer notre Présidente sortante, Dr Elizabeth A. Ayello, pour le prix 2023 Margaret Comerford Freda qu'elle a reçu de l'Association Internationale des Éditeurs en soins Infirmiers (INANE), pour l'excellence de son travail d'éditorialiste et pour son engagement dans la publication en soins infirmiers. Nous sommes très fiers de pouvoir dire que notre propre journal, le Journal du WCET®, est l'un des succès éditoriaux d'Elizabeth. Vous pourrez en lire plus sur cette cérémonie dans ce numéro.

Nous voulons aussi féliciter la promotion 2023 des membres introduits à l'Académie Américaine des Infirmier-e-s (AAN), reconnu-e-s pour «leur impact substantiel, soutenu et exceptionnel sur la Santé et dans les soins» (AAN)¹. Nous aimerions particulièrement que vous nous rejoigniez pour féliciter Mme Yajuan (Julie) Weng, de Chine, responsable de la Commission Éducation du WCET®, et Dr Dimitri Beeckman, de Belgique, pour y avoir été honorés.

Il semble qu'avec chaque bonne nouvelle, nous en avons aussi de mauvaises à partager. Dans ce numéro, nous disons encore au revoir à un ami et supporteur du WCET®. Nous avons été très triste d'apprendre le décès du Professeur Pavle Košorok, chirurgie consultant, dévoué et fervent partisan de la stomathérapie, non seulement dans son pays – la Slovénie – mais aussi dans le monde entier. Qu'il repose en paix.

Les Délégués Internationaux (DI) font partie des membres que nous célébrons régulièrement. Cette

position est très importante puisqu'ils font le lien entre les membres du WCET® de leur pays et nous. Ils nous aident à diffuser des messages et à développer notre nombre d'adhérents internationalement. Ils nous permettent non seulement d'accéder à un réseau qui nous permet de savoir ce qui se passe dans le monde, mais aussi de savoir comment vous célébrez des journées particulières telle que la Journée de Norma N. Gill du WCET®, la journée mondiale de sensibilisation aux personnes stomisées (qui a eu lieu cette année le 7 octobre), ou encore la Journée mondiale de l'arrêt des lésions de pression qui a lieu le 16 novembre. Ils nous informent encore de comment les problèmes sont perçus, les soins et les services sont fournis dans leurs pays. Nous espérons qu'elles/eux puissent s'organiser et participer à nos congrès. Comme vous le savez, notre prochain congrès aura lieu en collaboration avec nos collègues de l'association anglaise des stomathérapeutes, ASCN UK, et se tiendra à Glasgow, Royaume Uni, en septembre 2024.

Nous souhaitons la bienvenue à Danila Maculotti, nouvelle Déléguée Internationale pour l'Italie, et remercions Dr Giulia Villa pour son travail. Nous apprécions que Giulia poursuive ses contributions au sein de la Commission Éducation du WCET®.

Dernièrement, nous avons constaté la baisse du nombre de nos Délégués Internationaux. Nous tenons à vous dire que non seulement vous êtes important, mais aussi vous demander comment nous pourrions vous aider. Merci de vous référer à la liste des Délégués Internationaux figurant dans ce numéro pour y trouver les pays où nous manquons des DI. Merci de nous redire qui pourrait remplir ce rôle pour les pays qui n'en ont pas.

Alors que vous lisez ce numéro du *bulletin*, les célébrations de la Journée Mondiale de sensibilisation aux personnes stomisées et celles de la Journée Mondiale de zéro Escarres auront eu lieu. Un grand merci à celles et ceux qui nous ont déjà envoyés les récits extraordinaires sur ce qu'ils ont pu réaliser pour ces occasions, nous avons hâte d'en recevoir d'autres qui seront publiés dans le prochain numéro du *bulletin*.

Nous aimerions aussi remercier les orateurs du séminaire en ligne de Novembre sur les hernies parastomiales, la Dr Kimberley LeBlanc et Sarah Russel; de même que la responsable de la Commission Éducation du WCET® Julie Weng, la coordinatrice des séminaires en ligne du WCET® Heidi Hi et tous les membres du groupe de travail pour la réalisation de ces séminaires.

Nous espérons que vous appréciez lire des nouvelles venant du monde entier. Un grand merci à toutes celles et ceux qui ont contribué à ce numéro, nous permettant de rester connectés et d'être au courant des

événements les plus récents. Encore une fois merci de vos contributions précieuses et nous invitons d'autres à en faire de même. J'ai (Denise) hâte de vous relater ma visite au Brésil réalisée à l'occasion du congrès SOBEST® qui s'est tenu les 21 au 25 Octobre dernier.

Sincèrement
Denise et Laurent

Planejamento é tudo

(Translated into Portuguese by Angela Boccara)

Em agosto deste ano, o Conselho Executivo do WCET® realizou a sua reunião anual do conselho. Essa foi a primeira reunião do conselho para nós, como novo presidente e presidente eleito. Nós esperávamos por este momento, uma reunião presencial para todos os membros do conselho, e membros do novo conselho sem direito a voto, mas apesar dos nossos melhores esforços, alguns não puderam viajar.

Você ouvirá mais nesta edição sobre nossa experiência neste emocionante evento híbrido. O principal objetivo deste encontro foi refletir sobre o passado, fazer um balanço da situação atual, realizar uma avaliação baseada em necessidades, tendências e inovações atuais e futuras, antes de planejar, construir e aprovar a estratégia da nova diretoria para os próximos quatro anos.

Um objetivo sem um plano é apenas um desejo – Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

Obviamente, o plano para qualquer nova estratégia deve incluir um orçamento. Como uma instituição sem fins lucrativos registrada, o WCET® não consegue oferecer recursos e serviços aos seus membros sem financiamento. Antecipadamente, gostaríamos de agradecer a você, aos nossos membros, à nossa organização e indústria parceira, por suas doações, patrocínio e apoio, em nos ajudar a alcançar o período 2023–2027.

Nós (Laurent e Denise) também gostaríamos de mostrar nosso profundo apreço pelo trabalho realizado por nosso EB voluntário e membros não votantes do EB.

Temos o prazer de celebrar novamente a nossa ex-presidente imediata, Dra. Elizabeth A. Ayello, que recebeu em 2023 o Prêmio INANE Margaret Comerford Freda, por seu excelência editorial e comprometimento com publicações de enfermagem. Temos muito orgulho de dizer o nosso

WCET® Journal é uma das conquistas editoriais de Elizabeth. Você pode ler mais sobre essas celebrações nesta edição.

Queremos também de parabenizar o grupo de bolsistas de 2023 admitida na Academia Americana de Enfermagem (American Academy of Nursing, AAN), eles foram “reconhecidos por seu trabalho substancial, sustentado e notável impacto na saúde e nos cuidados de saúde” (AAN). Gostaríamos especialmente que você se juntasse a nós, celebrando a Sra. Yajuan (Julie) Weng, da China, Coordenadora do Comitê de Educação do WCET® e Dr Dimitri Beeckman da Bélgica por terem sido homenageados na premiação deste ano.

A cada boa notícia, parece que temos algumas tristes. Novamente dizemos adeus a um amigo e apoiador do WCET®. Ficamos muito tristes ao saber do falecimento do Professor Pavle Košorok, um cirurgião consultor dedicado e forte defensor da estomaterapia, não só no seu próprio país, a Eslovênia, mas em todo o mundo. Que ele descanse em paz.

Entre os membros que celebramos regularmente estão os nossos Delegados Internacionais (IDs). Essa posição é extremamente importante. Os IDs nos conectam com membros nacionais e nos ajudam a espalhar a palavra e a construir a nossa adesão internacional. Eles não apenas nos fornecem uma rede para ouvir o que está acontecendo globalmente, como celebramos dias especiais como Norma N. Gill Day® ou Dia Mundial da pessoa com estomia, que este ano foi realizado no dia 7 de outubro, e o Dia Mundial da Lesão por Pressão em 16 de novembro, mas também nos ajudam a compreender os problemas ou como são

Prestados os cuidados ou serviços em outros países. Dependemos fortemente dos IDs para organizar, divulgar e participar no Congresso, que como sabem, o nosso próximo Congresso Mundial será em colaboração com a ASCN-UK em Glasgow, Reino Unido, em setembro de 2024.

Gostaríamos de dar as boas-vindas a Danila Maculotti como a nova ID italiana, e agradecer à Dra. Giulia Villa pelo seu trabalho, apreciamos o seu trabalho contínuo no Comitê de Educação. Recentemente, registámos uma queda no número de membros do ID, e assim, nos dirigimos a todos vocês, não só para vos dizer o quanto são importantes, mas também para vos perguntar o que podemos fazer para ajudar? Por favor, consultem a página de ID para saberem quais os países estão sem ID.

Agradecemos antecipadamente a todos que se dispuserem a assumir esta posição importante para os países onde não temos ID.

Na momento em que ler esta edição, as celebrações do Dia Mundial da Consciencialização sobre a Ostomia já terão acontecido no dia 7 de outubro e o Dia Mundial

de Combate às Lesões por Pressão em 16 de novembro. Obrigado a todos aqueles que já enviaram as suas histórias maravilhosas, estamos ansiosos por receber mais informações para o próximo *bulletin*. Gostaríamos também de mostrar o nosso apreço aos oradores do Webinar de novembro sobre hérnia paraestomal, a Dra. Kimberley LeBlanc e Sarah Russel, também a Julie Weng, Presidente do Comitê de Educação, a Heidi Hu, Coordenadora do Webinar e aos membros do grupo de trabalho.

Esperamos que gostem de ler as notícias de todo o mundo e agradecemos a todos que contribuíram para esta edição, ajudando a nos mantermos conectados e atualizados sobre os acontecimentos mais recentes. Mais uma vez, muito obrigado pelas valiosas contribuições.

Eu (Denise), estou ansiosa por escrever sobre a minha visita à SOBEST® no Brasil, de 21 a 25 de outubro, durante o Congresso Brasileiro de Estomaterapia.

Com os melhores cumprimentos
Denise e Laurent

La planificación lo es todo

(Translated into Spanish by Heidi Hevia Campos)

En agosto de este año, el Consejo Ejecutivo de WCET® celebró su reunión anual. Esta fue la primera reunión para nosotros como nuevo Presidente y Presidente Electo. Esperábamos que fuera una reunión presencial para todos los miembros de la junta y los nuevos miembros de la junta sin derecho a voto, pero, a pesar de nuestros esfuerzos, algunos no pudieron viajar. En este número contaremos sobre nuestra experiencia en este emocionante evento híbrido. El principal objetivo de esta reunión es reflexionar sobre el pasado, hacer balance de la situación actual, realizar una evaluación basada en las necesidades actuales y futuras, las tendencias y las innovaciones, antes de planificar, construir y aprobar la estrategia de la nueva junta para los próximos cuatro años.

Un objetivo sin un plan no es más que un deseo – Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

Obviamente, el plan de cualquier nueva estrategia debe incluir un presupuesto. Como organización benéfica registrada, el WCET® no puede ofrecer recursos y servicios a sus miembros sin financiación. De antemano, nos gustaría darles las gracias a ustedes, nuestros miembros y a nuestras organizaciones y socios de la industria, por sus donaciones, patrocinio y apoyo, para ayudarnos a alcanzar el objetivo 2023–2027. Nosotros (Laurent y Denise) también quisiéramos mostrar

nuestro profundo agradecimiento por el trabajo realizado por nuestro Comité Ejecutivo voluntario y por las organizaciones no gubernamentales, trabajo realizado por nuestros miembros voluntarios y sin derecho a voto.

Estamos encantados de celebrar de nuevo a nuestra ex Presidenta inmediata, la Dra. Elizabeth A. Ayello, galardonada en 2023 con el Premio Margaret Comerford Freda de INANE, por su excelencia editorial y su compromiso con las publicaciones de enfermería. Estamos muy orgullosos de la revista del WCET® es uno de los logros editoriales de Elizabeth. Puede leer más sobre estas celebraciones en este número.

También nos gustaría felicitar a la promoción de 2023 de becarios incorporados a la Academia Americana de Enfermería (AAN), son "reconocidos por su desempeño sustancial, sostenido y sobresaliente impacto en la salud y la atención sanitaria" (AAN). Nos gustaría especialmente que se uniera a nosotros celebrando a la Sra. Yajuan (Julie) Weng, de China, Presidente del Comité de Educación de WCET® Presidente, y al Dr Dimitri Beeckman de Bélgica por haber sido honrados con los premios de este año.

Con cada buena noticia, parece que tenemos alguna triste. De nuevo decimos adiós a un amigo y partidario del WCET®. Nos entristeció mucho enterarnos del fallecimiento del Profesor Pavle Košorok, un cirujano consultor dedicado y gran defensor de la terapia enterostomal, no sólo en su país, Eslovenia, sino en todo el mundo. Descanse en paz.

Entre los miembros que celebramos regularmente se encuentran nuestros Delegados Internacionales (DI). Esta posición es extremadamente importante. Los ID nos conectan con los miembros nacionales y nos ayudan a difundir el mensaje y a aumentar nuestra

afiliación internacional. No sólo nos proporcionan una red para enterarnos de lo que ocurre en todo el mundo, sino que también nos ayudan a celebrar días especiales. Por favor, consulte la página de ID, para los países sin ID. les agradecemos si se animan a asumir este importante papel en los países en los que no tenemos identificación, se lo agradeceremos de antemano.

Para cuando leas este número, las celebraciones del Día Mundial de la Concienciación sobre la Ostomía habrán tenido lugar el 7 de octubre y el Día Mundial para Detener las Lesiones por Presión el 16 de noviembre. Gracias a los que ya nos han enviado sus maravillosas historias, esperamos recibir más para el próximo *bulletin*. También nos gustaría mostrar nuestro agradecimiento a los ponentes del seminario web de noviembre sobre hernia paraestomal, la Dra. Kimberley LeBlanc y Sarah Russel, así como a Julie Weng, Presidenta de Educación, Heidi Hu, Coordinadora del seminario web, y a los miembros del grupo de trabajo.

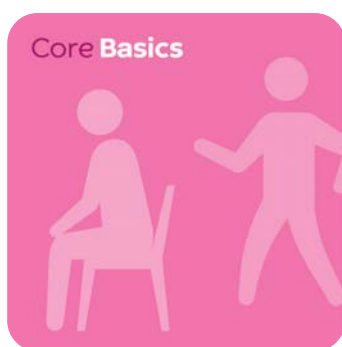
Esperamos que disfruten leyendo las noticias de todo el mundo, gracias a los que han contribuido a este número, ayudando a mantenerse conectados y al día de los acontecimientos más recientes. Muchas gracias una vez más por vuestras valiosas contribuciones, los animamos a que hagan que otros participen. Yo (Denise), estoy deseando escribir sobre mi visita a SOBEST® en Brasil para su conferencia del 21 al 25 de octubre.

Atentamente
Denise y Laurent



Rethinking Recovery

A new approach to exercise and rehabilitation after stoma surgery

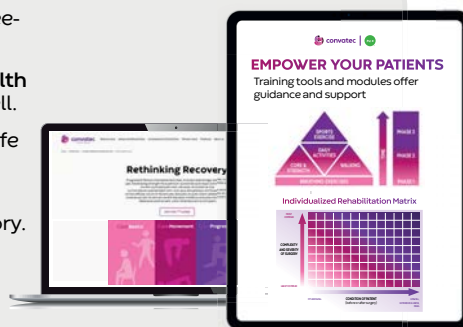


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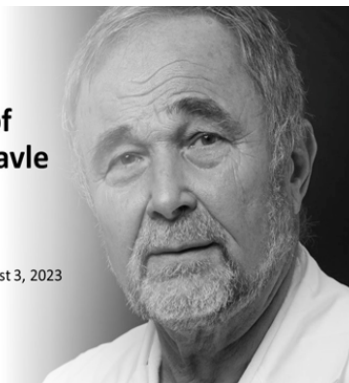
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In memoriam – Professor Dr Pavle Košorok 29th June 1944 – 3rd August 2023



**In Loving
Memory of
Prof. Dr. Pavle
Košorok**

June 29, 1944 - August 3, 2023



Dear WCET® members, friends, colleagues, and those whose lives he touched,

With heavy hearts, we remember the life and contributions of an exceptional individual, Prof Dr Pavle Košorok, MD, PhD, a dedicated consultant surgeon whose passion for healing touched countless lives. He passed away on 3rd August 2023, leaving behind a legacy that continues to inspire all who knew him.

Born on 29th June 1944, Prof Košorok's journey in the medical field began at the University of Ljubljana in Slovenia, where he earned his medical degree in 1969. He went on to specialise in general surgery, earning his Masters degree in 1979 and achieving his PhD in 1992. Prof Košorok's thirst for knowledge led him to London's St. Bartholomeus Hospital, Guy's Hospital, and St. Mark's Hospital, as well as Royal Infirmary in Leeds, under the guidance of Prof Golligher. He expanded his horizons with experiences at the Cleveland Clinic and the Lahey Clinic in 1980, and at the Enterostomal Therapy School at the Cleveland Clinic in 1990.

Prof Košorok's impact extended beyond the operating room. He served as a consultant surgeon at UMC Ljubljana's Department of Abdominal Surgery from 1976 to 1994, leaving an imprint of expertise and compassion on his patients. In 1994, he founded the latros Medical Centre, a hub of excellence in general surgery, proctology, enterostomal therapy and incontinence care. As its Director and Clinical Lead, he created a nurturing environment centred around patients' wellbeing.

His contributions extended beyond clinical practice. He was a respected Professor of Surgery at the Medical Faculty of the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia. His

academic pursuits were mirrored in his extensive involvement in professional organisations. He held membership in esteemed bodies such as the Medical Chamber of Slovenia, the Slovenian Association for Gastroenterology and Hepatology, the European Society for Coloproctology, Mediterranean Society for Coloproctology and the International Society of University Colon and Rectal Surgeons (ISUCRS), to name a few.

His commitment to medical education and collaboration was evident in his roles as President of the Slovenian Society for Coloproctology, National Delegate of the European Society of Coloproctology, and past President of the Mediterranean Society for Coloproctology. Prof Košorok's leadership extended to organising pivotal events, including the 17th Meeting of the World Council of Enterostomal Therapists® Society in Ljubljana in 2008, showcasing his dedication to advancing medical knowledge on a global stage.

Prof Pavle Košorok's legacy lives on in the hearts of all whose lives he touched. His passion for healing, commitment to education, and unwavering dedication will continue to inspire those who follow in his footsteps. Our thoughts are with his family, friends, colleagues, and patients as we remember and celebrate a life well-lived.

In fond remembrance, ISUCRS

WCET® Executive Board thank ISUCRS for allowing us to share their memorium with our members

<https://www.isucrs.org/in-loving-memory-of-prof-dr-pavle-kosorok-29-june-1944-3-august-2023/>

Dear ISUCRS colleagues,

I appreciate you notifying me of this sad news of the passing of this amazing surgeon who did so much for his patients, colleagues and the wider global ostomy community. I was honoured to meet him in Slovenia when the WCET® congress was held in Ljubljana June 2008. It was an amazing educational event, even attended by the President of Slovenia. For the entire opening ceremony, even after he made his remarks, he continued to sit next to the then WCET® President Elizabeth English. This left me with a very positive memorable impression of Prof Pavle Košorok.

My sincere condolences to his family, colleagues, friends and all who knew him. May his memory be a blessing.

Regards, Elizabeth

Dr Elizabeth A Ayello

PhD, MS, BSN, ETN, RN, CWON, MAPWCA, FAAN

WCET® Immediate Past President

It was with great sadness I read of the death of Pavle Kosorok, a personal friend and one of the world's most caring and dedicated individuals in the World of Surgery and Enterostomal Therapy. A loving husband and proud devoted family man, with children and grandchildren of whom he wrote and spoke of with such pride; to them I extend my love and deepest sympathies.

Pavle was never prouder than when in 2008 he was able to showcase his lovely city of Ljubljana, his own colorectal clinic, his orchestra and the ETs he had pioneered and guided to form The Slovenian National ET Body.



Pavle, his wife, son and daughter in law and their first grandchild, who visited him whilst I was having lunch at his home.



Pavle Košorok, Prilli Stevens, Marylyn McManus and Lydia Krito visiting Pavle's clinic in Ljubljana



Pavle's colorectal clinic staff with Prilli and Marylyn

When I first met Pavle in early 1990, without doubt, he would say his career direction changed forever after meeting Norma Gill and Professor Rupert Turnbull. By accepting him on the Cleveland Clinic ET Program they introduced him to an aspect of skill and caring that changed his approach and his lifetime dedication within his chosen specialty of colorectal surgery. I was fortunate to spend a morning with him at his clinic in Lubyjana and watch him interact with his team and their patients. He was so proud of his membership of the WCET®, pictures of Norma Gill and some of us ET nursing pioneers hung in places of honour within the clinic.

Finally, there is much in Pavle's life unknown to many regarding his personal safety and the sacrifices he made during frightening war time and destabilising times in his country. He had actually hidden in a suitcase and been able to escape at one point, hiding for weeks in a cellar before it was safe to emerge. A brave and selfless man has left us. We are the poorer without him.

Prilli Stevens, SRN, ET
WCET® Past President, Cape Town, South Africa

What a shock. We have been corresponding and I had no idea he was ill. He has been an excellent WCET® member. Please convey to his family my deepest sympathy on his passing.

Mary Jo Kroeber, AM, MSc, FACN (DLF)
Past President WCET®

Thank you for sharing this sad news with us. On behalf of Malaysian ETs we express our sincere sadness and sympathy for this great loss. We send our condolences to his family, colleagues, and those who knew him. Even we might not know him well, or even have met him, but we are sure he has left a legacy and will be remembered forever.

Our regards,
Mariam Mohd Nasir
Malaysian ETNEP Director

Prof Pavle Košorok was not only a Surgeon but an Enterostomal Therapist, he was the first Director of the WCET® Recognised Enterostomal Therapy Education Program (ETNEP) in Ljubljana. I had the honour of meeting him in 2015 while visiting the Slovenian ETNEP. He was such a strong supporter of ET nursing and their guiding star. May he RIP.

Denise Hibbert
WCET® President Elect

Congratulations

Dr Elizabeth A Ayello 2023 recipient of the INANE Margaret Comerford Freda Award



Dr Elizabeth Ayello PhD, MS, BSN, ETN, RN, CWON, MAPWCA, FAAN at the INANE Awards in Dublin Ireland

Congratulations to Dr Elizabeth A. Ayello, PhD, MS, BSN, ETN, RN, CWON, MAPWCA, FAAN, who, on 1st August 2023, received the Margaret Comerford Freda Award for Editorial Leadership in Nursing Publication from the International Academy of Nursing Editors (INANE) at their annual conference in Dublin, Ireland. It is the highest award given by INANE.

This award, known as the INANE Editor of the Year Award for Leadership and Mentorship, is given annually to an outstanding nursing editor in honor of Dr Margaret Freda, EdD, RN, FAAN, a past leader of INANE and Editor-in-Chief of *MCN, The American Journal of Maternal Child Nursing*. Immediately following the award presentation, Dr Ayello gave an outstanding conference-ending keynote speech entitled *Nurse editor – an art and science: a powerful global influencer and mentor*. Major concepts from her important and well received presentation were:

- Use every opportunity to make your core value dreams come true.
- Always acknowledge those who educated and supported you along your journey – most achievements come from team efforts.
- Gather and empower your teams; interprofessional teams are best to support change.
- Use your team members' strengths.
- Changing practices and healthcare systems is not easy, have a coordinated science / evidence-based and knowledge translation approach is effective.
- Education changes lives.

Dr Ayello ended the presentation with two of her favorite quotes. One is an old African proverb that she

learned while teaching in Cape Town South Africa: "If you want to go fast – go alone. If you want to go far – go together." The other is "Nothing is impossible, the very word says I'm possible."

During the INANE conference some nursing editors gave presentations about how they occasionally have articles translated into another language and the difficulties of providing translation in publications. Attendees were amazed when Dr Ayello spoke about the *WCET® Journal* and *bulletin* with language translations. They were impressed to learn that, under her leadership, and in conjunction with the publisher and the Editorial and Executive Boards, the *WCET® Journal* began regularly publishing its entire quarterly journal in multiple languages. No editor knew of any other journal regularly published in five languages. The editors were amazed that she worked with a team to get the cost of translation sponsored. The editors were complimentary of her creativity and achievement to have the journal available in so many languages to improve ostomy, skin, wound and continence care globally.

WCET® members have long known Elizabeth A. Ayello and her impact on WCET®. She joined the board in 2004 as the volunteer Journal Executive Editor, a role she served in for ten years. She continues to serve as Executive Editor Emeritus and supports our current journal Editor Dr Jenny Prentice who has continued to enhance the *WCET® Journal*. She is the Immediate Past President of WCET® (2018–2022) and continues to be an Associate Editor for the *WCET® bulletin*. Dr Ayello then was elected and served as Vice President (2014–2018) and then WCET® President (2018–2022). During her tenure, the WCET® Executive Board persevered through the challenges of COVID and broadening WCET®'s collaborations with numerous international associations. She is presently the International liaison for the World Union of Wound Healing Societies (WUWHS) and received their Lifetime Achievement Award in 2022 in Abu Dhabi.

Elizabeth A. Ayello's long and extensive nursing career has included clinical bedside practice, research, education, author/editor of over 200 articles or book chapters, as well as leadership positions in several associations. In her early career, Dr Ayello's practice included being a staff nurse and a clinical nurse specialist, the longest role in her career, at Booth Memorial Medical Center in Queens, New York City. She has held faculty positions at Queensboro Community College, New York University College of Nursing, and Excelsior University School of Nursing. For over 20 years she has been Faculty at the International Interprofessional Wound Care Group (IIWCG), under

the auspices of the University of Toronto, teaching in Toronto, Canada, Cape Town, South Africa, Tehran, Iran, and Abu Dhabi, UAE. She founded WoundPedia-Manila, a basic and intermediate course held in the Philippines. Dr Ayello was awarded the title of Professor from Zhengzhou Medical University in China. For many years, she has taught both in person and virtually at several WCET® ETNEPs in China.



Elizabeth on nurses' day in her early career as a clinical nurse specialist with colleagues



Elizabeth receives the INANE Editor of the Year award: 1st August 2023, Dublin, Ireland

Elizabeth A. Ayello with Lilee Gelinas (DNP, RN, Editor of American Nurse), Dean Fiona Timms (University College of Dublin), Elizabeth, and Leslie Nicholl (PhD, FAAN, Editor, CIN: Computers, Informatics, Nursing)



Dr Ayello is currently Co-Editor-in-Chief of the international interprofessional journal *Advances in Skin & Wound Care* (www.woundcarejournal.com), and serves on the Editorial Board for *Nursing 2023* journal. She is co-editor of the award-winning book *Wound care essentials: practice principles*. She is President of Ayello, Harris & Associates, Inc., a healthcare consulting firm in New York, USA.



Elizabeth with INANE Nursing Editors Group in Dublin



Elizabeth with her long time nursing colleagues – Katie Capitolo (PhD, RN, FAAN, Guest Editor Wolters Kluwer & WCET® Norma N Gill Foundation® Committee Member) and Carl Kirton (DNP, RN, MBA, Editor, American Journal of Nursing)

How proud we are that nursing editors now know about the WCET®, its journal published in five languages, and Dr Elizabeth A Ayello's work to improve our specialty practice around the world.

Authored by Dr Katie Capitolo
PhD, RN, FAAN, IIWCC, CNS-c



American Academy of Nursing Inducts Yajuan (Julie) Weng as a Fellow



Yajuan (Julie) Weng

Congratulations to Yajuan (Julie) Weng, BSN, MBA, ET, WCET®'s Education Committee Chair, who was honoured and inducted as a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing (FAAN) on 7th October 2023 in Washington DC, USA. This gala event occurred at the Academy's 50th Anniversary conference and Fellows Induction ceremony. Ms Weng is the Vice Dean / Senior Nurse at the Nanjing Drum Tower Hospital, Affiliate of Nanjing University Medical School.

Fellows in the Academy are selected by a rigorous selection process by the Fellow Selection Committee after being nominated by two Academy Fellows. To become a FAAN is a very prestigious honour; Academy Fellows are inducted into the organisation for their extraordinary contributions to improve health locally and globally. With more than 3,000 Fellows worldwide, the Academy represents nursing's most accomplished leaders in policy, research, administration, practice and academia.

The academy website states that "the American Academy of Nursing serves the public by advancing health policy and practice through the generation, synthesis, and dissemination of nursing knowledge. The VISION of the Academy is: *Healthy lives for all people*. The MISSION is to improve health and achieve health equity by impacting policy through nursing leadership, innovation, and science". For more information about the academy, please visit their website www.aannet.org

WCET® extends our best wishes to Yajuan (Julie) Weng on earning this important achievement and FAAN designation in recognition of all she has contributed to nursing both in China and throughout the world. Well done Yajuan (Julie)!



Yajuan (Julie) Weng being inducted by Academy President, Linda D. Scott (PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FNAP, FAAN)



New Fellows. L-R: Yanjin Liu (MM, RN, Professor, The First Affiliated Hospital at Zhengzhou University, China), Dimitri Beeckman (PhD, MSc, RN, FEANS, FAAN, Professor Ghent University Belgium and Orebro University, Sweden), Elizabeth A. Ayello (PhD, EN, RN, WCON, MAPWCA, FAAN, Immediate Past President, WCET®), New Fellow, Yajuan (Julie) Weng (BSN, MBA, ET, FAAN, WCET®'s Education Committee Chair 2020-2024)



L-R: Xiao Qian, Xu Qin, Weng Yajuan (Julie) WCET® Education Chair, Chen Yongyi, Dimitri Beeckman, Katie Capitolo and Elizabeth Ayello (Julie's mentors), Liu Yanjin, Li Qingyin, Luo Jinkai



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CWON, MAPWCA, FAAN*

Nurses Specialised in Wound, Ostomy and Continence Canada Celebrate

WCET® Congratulates Nurses Specialised in Wound, Ostomy and Continence Canada (NSWOCC) in reaching a significant milestone of 1000 Members and Associates.



Welcome: International Delegate Italy

Danila Maculotti, Enterostomal Therapist, Italy



I have been a stomatherapy nurse since 2005 at Fondazione Poliambulanza, Brescia, and Ostomy Center Coordinator since 2007. I am also a Member of the European Council of Enterostomal Therapy (ECET) and was Treasurer until August 2023.

I have published several articles in the field of ostomy patient care, have been a speaker at national and international congresses. I collaborate with the National Federation of Incontinents and Ostomates (FAIS) to raise awareness about living with an ostomy. Currently I am actively working on the Stomycraft project which is a game to teach children about ostomy management and feeding. I am also part of the ONIS project coordination to create a national registry of incontinent and ostomised people. Academically I coordinate a Masters degree in the Nursing Management of Bowel, Urinary, Respiratory and Wound Care at the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore – Brescia. I am presently enrolled in the 1st Level Executive Masters in operational and LEAN excellence in Healthcare management – OPTIMA, at LIUC University of Castellanza in Italy. I believe in education to grow the profession, in particular in the collaboration between different professionals to share their experience and knowledge, making it available to the younger population.

WCET® Executive Board meeting 2023

Reporting from the WCET® Executive Board meeting, in Boston, USA.

Laurent O Chabal
WCET® President



Historically, the WCET® Executive Board (EB) members meet annually, in a non-congress year during a site visit to the following years Congress Country, to report on the past year and action plan for the coming year. Every four years, in a non-congress year, the strategic plan is formed. Having previously met in Glasgow in 2019, when the congress site visit was performed, before COVID, we decided our 2023 meeting, from 21st–23rd August should be in Boston, USA. This gave us a chance to meet our Company Management team, and saved funds as four members live in the USA. Since changing EB positions to a four-year term, and in implementing the new succession leadership mentorship plan, incoming EB, as non-voting members, have been invited to join. Once again, not all EB and incoming EB members were able to attend in person, which meant we had to facilitate a hybrid mode; using tools such as Microsoft TEAMS allowed us to work across the different time zones. I planned the agenda flexibly so that all EB members could have a chance to speak at a socially sustainable time and discuss important topics and action items.



EB members experiencing face-to-face and virtual meeting (hybrid)

From top left: Susan Barber, Barcami Lane Management Company Director, President Laurent Chabal, Treasurer Diana Gallagher, NNGF® Committee Chair Alice Chen, President Elect Denise Hibbert, Congress Coordinator Alison Crawshaw, Incoming Education Chair Angela Bocara, Incoming NNGF® Committee Chair Katie Capitolo, Incoming Treasurer Fiona Bolton, Education Committee Chair Julie Weng

Meeting face-to-face was important as we had to assess the previous strategic plan (2019–2023) and build the new one (2023–2027). I am very proud of the work done, despite some IT difficulties, as we were able to achieve the task in a record two days. Half a day was left to focus on accepting motions and discussing implication from the strategic plan, and changes to the Policy and Procedure Manual.

It was amazing to me to realise how many of the action items from the last strategic plan we had accomplished. We utilised the results of the 2023 Membership Survey to ensure we included your suggestions and comments in our planning, (please refer to the next incoming WCET® Journal issue).

This was also an opportunity to formally welcome the incoming EB members, and to introduce them to their future WCET® EB role and position. A new dynamic transition phase has now started, so that when we meet, hopefully all of us, in Glasgow next year, the new EB Members will be ready and motivated to be fully involved.



All present at the EB meeting. L–R: Karen Hill, Barcami Lane Conference Coordinator, Diana Gallagher WCET® Treasurer, Fiona Bolton Incoming Treasurer, Denise Hibbert President Elect, President Laurent Chabal, Cambria Happ, Barcami Lane President, Susan Barber, Barcami Lane Director, while Katie Capitulo was the photographer



EB members visiting ConvaTec lab

Cambria Happ, the President of Barcami Lane, joined us for a half day at our meeting, sharing her ideas and valued perspective.

We also had the opportunity to meet the ConvaTec team as their office was nearby; we visited their lab and shared some ideas.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a special thank you to Susan Barber for having organised this meeting, which was a great success.

Teamwork, 2023 WCET® Executive Board meeting

Denise Hibbert
WCET® President Elect



I have visited the USA many times for conferences or to visit friends, but I had never been to Boston. It was also my first face-to-face EB meeting as WCET® President Elect. Not the 21 hour journey from Saudi Arabia, or the seven hour time difference, nor the fact that it was for a mere four day trip, could dampen my excitement. We had planned for months the agenda and how to navigate the time differences; members in China, South America, Australia and the UK needed to join virtually, the largest time difference being 12



WCET® at the hybrid meeting

Face-to-face in Boston USA. L–R: Katie Capitulo NNGF® Chairperson Elect (2024–2028), Susan Barber Barcami Lane Director, Fiona Bolton Treasurer Elect 2024–2028, Laurent Chabal President, Denise Hibbert President Elect, Diana Gallagher Treasurer, Cambria Happ Barcami Lane President Virtual: Julie Weng Education Chairperson, Alice Chen NNGF® Chairperson, Alison Crawshaw Congress Coordinator, Angela Bocara Education Chairperson Elect (2024–2028)

hours. I have to say Laurent Chabal, our President, was very cool and organised, keeping us in order and on schedule, with time for some fun and team bonding scheduled in. Susan Barber had organised for us to stay near her home in Lexington; lots of history, beautiful weather and beautiful, friendly people. The hotel provided the meeting room, a very peaceful, light and airy environment with large windows and a nice view, enabling us to spend nine hours a day working on action items and strategies.

We were well prepared, having already submitted our individual annual reports and having reviewed the results of the membership survey, with action items ready for discussion and debate. It was wonderful to have new eyes on issues, bringing innovative ideas, and being able to debate face-to-face and problem solve was very rewarding. Thank you to Fiona and Katie for attending in person and making valuable suggestions. I believe you will all be very happy with our plan for 2023–2027. Of course, we rely on raising funds to make our plan a reality; we could not survive

without your contributions and our industry partners. It was wonderful to meet the new ConvaTec team in their own offices and lab; their ideas were also thought provoking.



*An evening out, WCET® with ConvaTec, and a new furry friend
(his Dad was the passing photographer)*

My virtual Executive Board meeting experience

Julie (Yajuan) Weng,
WCET® Education Chair



As the WCET® Education Chair I regret not being able to attend the Executive Board (EB) meeting in person, but unfortunately it was beyond my control. However, I participated in online meetings throughout the whole schedule, discussed and exchanged plans and ideas with the team, while

noting action items for the future. WCET®'s emphasis on global education and its goal of improving the profession to advance the quality of life of patients has never changed. Although the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted our offline communication greatly, our pace on the education committee has never waned. The EB entered into an in-depth discussion on the future of education and considered the blueprint for the development of education. We further discussed the direction and goals of future education reform to better promote the initiation of education programs. We considered the issue of enhancing the productivity of ETNEP/REPs and standardising the basic competency requirements and the assessment of ETs graduates. We will also strive to build more meaningful webinars to promote the development of professional technology. We also hope to further promote the educational scope

of WCET® in the form of a leadership institute with the goal of enhancing the leadership skills of ETs.

This was a vital and practical EB meeting. We look forward to rolling out the strategy. I believe this will play an important role in global ostomy wound and continence care development.

Aussie experience attending a face-to-face WCET® Executive Board meeting



Fiona Bolton
Incoming WCET® Treasurer
(2024–2028)

As Treasurer Elect, I was fortunate to be invited to attend the 2023 face-to-face WCET® Executive Board meeting in Boston, Massachusetts, USA in August. It was the first time I have travelled internationally on my own, so I was a little nervous travelling from South Australia to the other side of the world. It was strange leaving home at 9am on Friday 18th August, flying 21 hours, with an additional 6 hours between connecting flights, and still arriving in Boston at 10pm on the same day.

I was fortunate to have a few days to acclimatise and do a little sightseeing before our 3-day meeting

commenced on Monday morning. Saturday, I visited Lexington, 15 minutes' drive from where we were staying. I was delighted to find that I could use my Uber Account in the USA without any problems. Lexington was the scene of the first battle in 1775 in the American Revolutionary War that saw the North American colonies gain political independence from England.

Lexington is a picturesque town 30 minutes' drive from Boston with many restaurants and lots to see and a real family atmosphere. I booked a tour on the 90-minute Liberty Ride Trolley Tour that took me through the historic Battle Road to Concord through the Minuteman National Park. It was a great tour with detailed information on the beginning of the war from both sides and included a surprise as we drove past Orchard House, the home of Louisa May Alcott and her family which was the setting for Louisa's famous book *Little women*.

Sunday 20th August the Executive Committee met in the evening for dinner, providing an informal opportunity to meet each other before our formal business meeting Monday morning. Despite the fact many on the committee have not met face-to-face before, we all enjoyed each other's company and, like true nurses who love what they do, talked a lot! It was a beautiful evening, made even better by warm weather compared to the cold weather of winter I had left a few days ago at home.

The Executive Board meeting was held over 3 days. Not all the Executive Board or Committee Members could meet face-to-face. We were joined by our colleagues in the UK, China, South America, and Australia via Teams throughout the 3 days as needed. It is a challenge to get the time right to suit all. There was a lot to discuss on the agenda and, as a novice, I was awestruck by the amount of work the WCET® Executive, along with the Education Committee and Norma N. Gill Foundation® Committee do. The WCET® partners with many organisations to facilitate education, provide advice and support, are heavily involved in the biennial WCET® Congress, and provide scholarships for nurses for education, WCET® membership and congress registration. In addition to this the Executive constantly strive to provide a positive experience for the WCET® membership.

A very special thank you to WCET® President Laurent Chabal and Denise Hibbert, President Elect, who invited me to the meeting to start my orientation for 2024 Treasurer role, and who have been extremely welcoming, supportive and informative. Denise and Laurent travel frequently to fulfill the mission and goals of WCET® and have such a huge workload but still have time to explain and coach those on the committee.

Thank you to the Executive Board members on the committee, including Susan Barber from the WCET® Management Company Barcami Lane for the warm welcome and professionalism. I look forward to working closely with Diana Gallagher, Treasurer, to prepare myself to take over from her in Glasgow in September/October 2024. I would urge everyone to say 'yes' if ever in a position to assist WCET® to promote better patient outcomes globally through education and communication. Australia has had a long history of supporting WCET® by attendance on the Executive Board and I look forward to carrying on that tradition.



Orchard House, Home of Louisa May Alcott and Little women



Lexington Visitor Centre



Memorial grave site to the British soldiers who died in the first battle in 1775; our tour guide is on the right



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My journey in enterostomal therapy nursing

Angela Boccara

**WCET® Incoming Education Committee Chairperson
(2024–2028)**



Unfortunately, I was on leave with my family in Ireland during the WCET® Executive Board meeting, although I did manage to join for a few sessions early in the morning. I will take this opportunity to introduce myself.

My journey in enterostomal therapy nursing has been marked by a deep commitment to enhancing care and education in this specialised field. Starting with my introduction to enterostomal therapy during my

nursing studies at São Paulo University in 1985, I've dedicated all my professional life to ET nursing and ostomy care. Serving as the ET Program Coordinator at Taubate University from 2000 to 2022, I had the privilege of shaping the education of aspiring ET nurses who have now assumed influential roles across ET nursing in Brazil. With over 30 years of experience, including research and publications, I have been an integral part of the Brazilian Enterostomal Therapy Nursing Society (SOBEST®), assuming diverse roles over the years. From 2015–2020, I held the esteemed position of President within the organisation, driving innovation and progress within the field. I am honoured to continue driving advancements in ET nursing education and care standards as the incoming Education Chairperson of the WCET®. It's been a rewarding journey, and I'm eager to contribute further to the growth of enterostomal therapy.

World Council of Enterostomal Therapists® site visit: Glasgow and Edinburgh, Scotland: purpose and background



Susan Barber,
Barcami Lane Executive Director



Karen Hill,
Barcami Lane Director of Meetings, Events & Engagement

The World Council of Enterostomal Therapists® (WCET®) holds a biennial congress on even years, bringing together globally renowned speakers and presenters, nurse specialists in the field, and corporate sponsors who display and greet guests on the exhibition floor and give presentations in smaller symposium formats. Because the WCET® is a global association, the congresses move from continent to continent to enable as many members as possible to attend.

In 2024, the congress will be held in Glasgow, Scotland. It had been scheduled originally for 2020 but had to be postponed because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The arrangements had been made in 2019 by the previous management company and the previous congress coordinator.

The Barcami Lane team members on the WCET® account

are: Susan Barber, Executive Director; Karen Hill, Meeting Planner; and Melissa Striharsky, Coordinator. Because the arrangements had previously been made, the Barcami Lane team had not had the opportunity to engage in a site visit. It was determined that it was essential that we do so to see the entire event as an Executive Board (EB) member or a delegate or speaker might see it, including not only the venues but also the methods of travel in and around Glasgow and Edinburgh.

Glasgow Convention Bureau

The Glasgow Convention Bureau, at <http://glasgowconventionbureau.com/>, has been supportive, informative and very helpful throughout the process. The team made hotel reservations for us, made appointments at the reception venues, made appointments with the team at the convention centre,

and hired a driver to get us from place to place. They provided a detailed agenda for the four days that we were in Glasgow.

Mid-week, we had a meeting with the team who delved into the mission of the association and the goals of the congress. They know the area, of course, and know the people at various medical centres and hospitals and made recommendations as to who could provide relevant and important educational presentations. They even knew where to go for pigs' trotters for the debridement workshop. Their follow up was timely and thorough.

Travel including flight and local transportation – Edinburgh to Glasgow

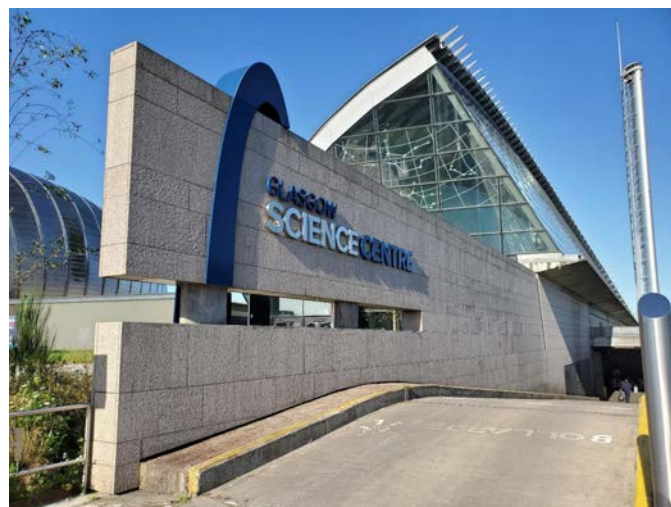
Because the EB meeting will be in Edinburgh prior to the Congress, we flew into Edinburgh (direct non-stop from Boston, USA). There we were met by the congress coordinator, Alison Crawshaw, who is a life-long resident of Edinburgh. We took the tram to Haymarket station where we got on the train to Glasgow. In Glasgow train station, we were met by Laura Mackay and our driver Steven who took us to the first venue where our reception, for approximately 800 people, will be.

Venues – receptions

Platform – we were met by the director of Platform for a tour of the venue. This was followed by a tasting of food that the executive chef prepared specifically for us. It included many options, not all of which we would choose, but from which we would be choosing for our guests. It was a remarkable display and certainly eased our minds as we move forward with the planning of this event in this very unusual space.

Science Centre – the Glasgow Convention Bureau will be hosting a reception for our guests on one of the evenings. We were met by the executive director of the Glasgow Science Centre who gave us a tour of

the 3-story centre, filled with interactive displays. It is a short walk across the river Clyde from the convention centre and many of the hotels in the area.



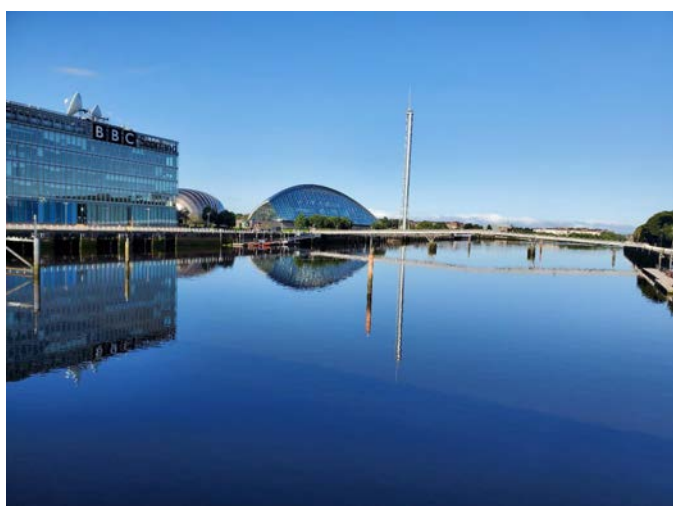
Glasgow Science Centre



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Venues – Exhibit Hall and breakout sessions

The Scottish Event Campus (SEC) – the SEC is a massive complex that offers multiple exhibition hall spaces as well as breakout meeting spaces and a restaurant. We toured the exhibit halls and determined which space would be most appropriate for our needs. We also toured the meeting room spaces. We would not have been able to do this with confidence without seeing them.



Scottish Convention Centre: venue for the congress



Thanks for the Glasgow Convention Bureau for your
outstanding organisation

Hotels – site visits (x12)

In addition to seeing the hotels that we stayed in, we had site visits at 10 other hotels in one day. Our morning hotels were within a small walking radius. The afternoon hotels were spread out and our driver Steven was able to take us easily to each. Each hotel was different, so we had quite a lot of exposure to the benefits of each. All these appointments were set up by the Glasgow Convention Bureau. We were able to prioritise several and de-prioritise several, leaving us with about six that we will be discussing.

Site-seeing and things to do

We took the City Sightseeing Glasgow Hop-On Hop-off bus tour, tickets provided by the Glasgow Convention Bureau. This took about an hour and drove all around the City Centre area, the university area, and the Glasgow Finnieston area. It is very informative and provides a lot of history of the area. We sampled several restaurants in the City Centre and Finnieston.

Green initiatives and LEZ

Sustainable Glasgow proposes reducing the city's carbon missions through improved energy management and the development of new integrated low carbon energy systems for the city. The initiative is

pervasive throughout the city and includes efforts at hotels and venues to implement and practice climate-friendly policies. The city is a Low Emissions Zone (LEZ) and cars that do not comply, primarily due to age, will be ticketed.

The city strongly encourages walking and bicycling.

Edinburgh

At the end of our appointments in Glasgow, we took the train back to Edinburgh. The Executive Board will spend up to 3 days in Edinburgh for an in-person meeting and strategy session. This will take place at Kimpton, which we toured to see the meeting space and sleeping rooms.

Results

This trip was highly successful in that we saw all the venues for receptions, exhibits, meeting rooms; we sampled food offerings; and we viewed many hotels that might be (or might not be) appropriate for our guests. We travelled on the trains, trams and buses, just as our guests would be doing. We deepened our relationship with the team at the Glasgow Convention Centre, who are invaluable in their connections and knowledge of the area and the general populace.

WCET® Enterostomal Therapist Nurse Education Program celebrations

The 14th Hunan Enterostomal Therapist Graduation Ceremony at Hunan and Hunan Province conference on new developments in stoma, wound and continence nursing and pressure injury management



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The Hunan Nursing Association held the 14th Enterostomal Therapist (ET) Graduation Ceremony in Hunan Province from 18–20th May 2023. After 3 months of hard work, 36 nursing graduates, from all over the country, successfully obtained the International Enterostomal Therapist Graduation Certificate issued

by the World Council of Enterostomal Therapists® (WCET®). This conference focused on the new progress of stoma wound and continence (SWC) nursing and pressure injury management. Invited senior medical care experts from inside and outside the province discussed the progress of the discipline, frontier

dynamics, hot topics, and held the 4th Hunan Province stoma wound incontinence specialist nursing excellent paper reporting competition, attracting nearly 200 stoma, wound and continence enterostomal therapists, nursing managers and bedside nurses.



Conference site

Professor Zhu Lihui, deputy Secretary of the Party Committee of Hunan Cancer Hospital, gave a special lecture, *Excellent accumulation Steps, Specialty to thousands of miles*, introducing the excellent nursing practice of the wound, stoma and continence nursing department of Hunan Cancer Hospital, advocated adhering to the people's health as central, adhering to the life and patient first, and safety oriented excellent nursing service concept. This provided guidance on the implementation of excellence in nursing services for the specialist sector.



Professor Zhu Lihui, Deputy Secretary of the Party Committee of Hunan Cancer Hospital

Chen Yongyi, Vice President of The Hunan Nursing Association and Professor at Hunan Cancer Hospital, explained the development of SWC specialty nursing in our country, from the perspective of WCET®-ETNEP.



Professor Chen Yongyi, Vice President of Hunan Cancer Hospital

The three modules of practice and mission of the school show the development and effect of Hunan International School of Enterostomal Therapists in training specialist nurses. At the same time, the school received the certification of the highest standard from WCET® for four years, for the fourth time, which shows the professional ability and influence of Hunan International Stomal Therapist School.

Professor Li Xuying, Director of the Nursing Department of Hunan Cancer Hospital, used *Construction of an ostomy leak-free hospital* as the theme for the presentation. Starting with the leakage problem that both clinical patients and medical staff are concerned about, sharing that the provincial cancer hospital adopted the measures of multi-subject cooperation, standardised stoma nursing, whole process case management to build a leak-free hospital and effectively solve the problem of stoma patient leakage.



Professor Li Xuying, Director of the Nursing Department of Hunan Cancer Hospital

Professor Tang Xinhui, Chairman of the Stoma and Continence Committee of the Hunan Nursing Association, gave a lecture on, *The interpretation of the group standard for the prevention of intraoperative acquired pressure injury* which provided comprehensive guidance for the prevention and care of intraoperative acquired stress injury by understanding the risk assessment and risk level of intraoperative acquired stress injury and taking graded preventive measures.



Professor Tang Xinhui, Chairman of the Stoma and Continence Committee of the Hunan Nursing Association

Professor Zhu Xiaomei, Head Nurse of the Stoma and Wound Clinic of Hunan Cancer Hospital, shared the *Interpretation of China Anti-Cancer Association (CACA) guidelines for the treatment of malignant fungating wounds* which elaborated from the integrated assessment and integrated nursing care of malignant fungating wounds, providing more standardised and professional methods and ideas for clinical medical staff to deal with malignant fungating wounds.



Professor Zhu Xiaomei, Head Nurse of the Stoma and Wound Clinic of Hunan Cancer Hospital

Professor Wang Honghong, Professor of Xiangya School of Nursing, Central South University, doctoral supervisor, academician of the American Academy of Nursing Sciences, explained the *Nursing research design* from four aspects of scientific research design, elements, types, validity, and reporting norms, and answered the questions of nursing professionals in scientific research design.



Professor Wang Honghong, Professor of Xiangya School of Nursing, Central South University

Professor Hu Yingbin, Director of the Department of Colorectal Surgery of Hunan Cancer Hospital, elaborated on the strategy of anal preservation for low rectal cancer from a medical point of view, emphasising that anal preservation is not for the sake of anal preservation; the primary consideration is the effect of surgical treatment of tumours, and it is necessary to firmly establish the concept of neuroprotection and adhere to the principle of "nerve as the core, anatomy along the space".



L-R: Professor Hu Yingbin, Director of the Department of Colorectal Surgery of Hunan Cancer Hospital and Professor Yang Furong

Dr Zhou Jie, Department of Burn and Plastic Surgery, Xiangya Hospital, Central South University, gave an in-depth talk on *Early biofilm treatment strategy for refractory wounds – interpretation of international expert consensus on 'wound hygiene'*; the mechanism of delayed wound healing by wound biofilm and the four steps of implementing wound hygiene, namely cleaning the wound and surrounding area, debridement, reshaping the wound edge, and effectively managing the exudate.



Dr Zhou Jie, Department of Burn and Plastic Surgery, Xiangya Hospital, Central South University

Professor Zhang Qijian, head nurse of Xiangya Hospital, Central South University, introduced the latest edition of the best practice principles of cutting edge wound infection in 2022, on the *Interpretation of the guidelines for the treatment of infected wounds*, and made a detailed interpretation from the aspects of wound infection risk, assessment, diagnosis, management, etc. Advocating that the overall assessment and management of wound infection is a key element in the treatment of wound infection.



Professor Zhang Qijian, head nurse of Xiangya Hospital, Central South University

Professor Yang Furong, Head Nurse of Stoma, Wound and Continence Nursing Center of Hunan Provincial People's Hospital, presented the topic *New progress and practice of fecal incontinence nursing*. Ms Yang presented the definition, classification and treatment of faecal incontinence, as well as the epidemiology, prevention and treatment of incontinence dermatitis to the participants, providing guidance and help for incontinence nursing work.



Professor Yang Furong, Head Nurse of Stoma, Wound and Continence Nursing Center of Hunan Provincial People's Hospital

Ms. Yang Jing, an international enterostomal therapist from the Second Xiangya Hospital of Central South University, gave a lecture with the theme of *Research progress in the treatment of lower extremity vascular pressure*. She shared and summarised the classification of venous diseases, pressure treatment methods, the use of pressure bandages and elastic stockings and precautions, etc., providing effective methods and approaches for the treatment of vascular pressure injury.



Ms. Yang Jing, an international enterostomal therapist from the Second Xiangya Hospital of Central South University

The conference also invited Sun Weiping, Head Nurse of the Wound Center of Zhuzhou Central Hospital, to share *Application of standardised process in enterostomy care*, Wang Jiali, Head Nurse of Colorectal Surgery Department of Hunan Cancer Hospital, to give a wonderful lecture on *Refuse leakage, ensure sealing*, and Li Liuqing and Jiang Honghui, international enterostomal therapists, shared some difficult cases. Professor Tu Li, Head Nurse of Gastrointestinal, Thyroid and Vascular Surgery of the First Affiliated Hospital of Hunan University of Chinese Medicine, made a special literature interpretation on *Protecting skin, ensuring integrity*.



Sun Weiping, head nurse of Wound Center of Zhuzhou Central Hospital



Professor Tu Li, head nurse of Gastrointestinal, Thyroid and Vascular Surgery of the First Affiliated Hospital of Hunan University of Chinese Medicine



Wang Jiali, head nurse of Colorectal Surgery Department of Hunan Cancer Hospital



Li Liuqing and Zhang Qijian



Jiang Honghui, international enterostomal therapist

This meeting invited Professor Wang Chunxue, Director of the Department of Neuropsychiatry and Clinical Psychology of Beijing Tiantan Hospital, to give a live lecture on the theme of *Using psychological techniques to improve the quality of life of patients with ostomy*, to improve the quality of life of patients from the perspective of psychology, and to bring inspiration and guidance to everyone. CAI Yibo, head nurse of the Urology Department of Zhejiang Cancer Hospital, was invited to give an online lecture on the prevention and treatment of incontinence dermatitis, from the assessment of incontinence dermatitis to structured nursing protection strategies and shared the 'no basin' of skin cleaning.

The conference also held *The fourth annual report and evaluation of outstanding papers in the specialty of ostomy, wound and continence care*; participants shared and displayed their thesis topics, ideas, research methods and conclusions. The contestants and their papers were full of highlights, and the judges' selection was objective and fair, professional and meticulous, which was well received by the nursing colleagues attending the meeting. After the on-site exhibition and discussion question-and-answer session, and the objective and fair evaluation of the judges, the paper selected four first prize winners, eight second prize winners and 11 third prize winners. Liu Huayun, Zhang Qijian, Dai Weiwei and Hu Binqin won the first prize. Huang Lijuan, Duan Ning, Yang Jing, Wang Lu, Zhou Sijun, Niu Yanxia, Peng Prosperity and Lei Lihua won the second prize. Yang Suo, Duan Ning, Qin Jie, Yang Xiaojuan, He Peiya, Zhang Yuhong, Chen Jinhua,

Liu Lihua, Tang Bin, Wang Hui and Wang Hong won the third prize; note that the winners are ranked in no particular order.

During the meeting, the 17th Stoma Association of Hunan Cancer Hospital was also held to build a communication platform for patients and their families, to help patients better return to their families and society.



The first prize winners. L-R: Hu Binqin, Dai Weiwei, Liu Huayun, Zhang Qijian, with Guo SanYuan

This academic conference introduced the cutting-edge trends of stoma, wound, and continence nursing and pressure injury. The courses were solid and closely aligned to clinical practice. It imparted the latest research results to participants and inspired new scientific research ideas and built a good learning and communication platform for wound, stoma and continence nursing colleagues, inside and outside the province. The comprehensive and multi-perspective training effectively improved the professional theory and practice level of the participants, and won the high recognition of the delegates, so that the development of specialised nursing in our province has reached a new level.

Hunan International Ostomy Therapist School successfully completed the third WCET® site visit in 2023



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In order to promote the vigorous development of specialised nursing education for ostomy, wound, and continence, and to fully highlight the leading role in these professional fields, and the exemplary practice, Hunan International Ostomy Therapist School, sponsored by Hunan Nursing Association, and

undertaken by Hunan Cancer Hospital, ushered in the third WCET® site visit review from 25th–27th March 2023.

Hunan Ostomy Therapist School is the sixth international ostomy therapist school recognised by the WCET® in China. Founded in 2010, it is sponsored by

Hunan Nursing Association and undertaken by Hunan Cancer Hospital. There are 10 clinical practice bases in Hunan Province.

The WCET® Education Committee site visitors performing this review were Li Weijuan (Michelle Lee) from Hong Kong and Wang Lingyan from Guangzhou.



Li Weijuan (Michelle Lee) from Hong Kong



Wang Lingyan from Guangzhou

Sun Xiangming, chairman of Hunan Nursing Association and president of Hunan International Ostomy Therapist School, first reported the development of school teaching. Subsequently, the site visitors conducted on-the-spot inspection and examination of teaching materials in the training centre of Hunan Cancer Hospital and the nursing centre of wound, ostomy and continence.



Sun Xiangming, President of Hunan ET School



Xiao Yazhou, President of Hunan Cancer Hospital



Zhu Lihui, Vice Chairman of Hunan Nursing Association and Deputy Secretary of the party committee of Hunan Cancer Hospital



Chen Yongyi, Vice-President of Hunan Nursing Association and Executive Vice-President of Hunan ET school



Zhu Xiaomei, Vice Principal of Hunan ET school

From 26th–27th March the site visitors, accompanied by President Sun Xiangming and others, went to Xiangya Hospital of Central South University, The Second Xiangya Hospital of Central South University, Hunan Provincial People's Hospital, Hunan Children's Hospital, and First Affiliated Hospital of University of South China and Changde First People's Hospital, to check the site and teaching situation; they also checked the clinical teaching facilities and patient records in accordance to WCET® review standards.



Hunan Provincial People's Hospital



Hunan Children's Hospital



Hunan ET school, Hunan Cancer Hospital.

L-R: Wang Lingyan and Li Weijuan (Michelle Lee) site visitors with Chen Yongyi, Vice-President of Hunan Nursing Association



First Affiliated Hospital of University of South China



Xiangya Hospital of Central South University



Changde First People's Hospital



The Second Xiangya Hospital of Central South University

At 10am on 27th March, the expert group gave a summary as feedback to the Hunan Cancer Hospital. The expert group spoke highly of the scientific management, strict process control, teaching quality and diversification of the school. Finally, Ms Li Weijuan introduced the advanced experience of specialised training in Hong Kong, put forward valuable opinions and suggestions for further promoting the development of specialised nursing for stoma and wound care in Hunan, and made clear the future improvement direction for the school.

Xiao Yazhou, president of Hunan Cancer Hospital, said: "All along, the hospital has given full play to the role of the leader in the specialist field. In 2005, it trained the first international ostomy therapist in the province, established the first ostomy and wound clinic in the province in 2006, hosted the International Ostomy Therapist School in 2010, established the Hunan Wound Rehabilitation Clinical Medical Research Center in 2018, and became the practice base of the Chinese Nursing Association's ostomy, wound and continence specialist nurse training outside Beijing in 2020, which promoted

the development of ostomy, wound and continence specialist nursing for the future, we will strengthen exchanges and cooperation through review and train more outstanding talents".



Feedback to Hunan ET school

Front row L-R: Zhu Lihui, Vice Chairman of Hunan Nursing Association and Deputy Secretary of the party committee of Hunan Cancer Hospital, Sun Xiangming, President of Hunan ET School, Li Weijuan (Michelle Lee) and Wang Lingyan, site visitors, and Chen Yongyi, Vice-President of Hunan Nursing Association and Executive Vice-President of Hunan ET school, with faculty

Peking University Health Science Center ETNEP receives site visit review from WCET® Education Committee

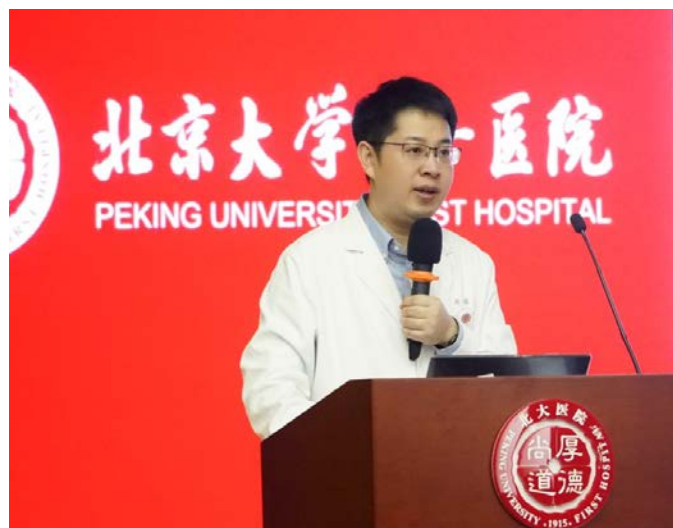
Liu Jin,
Enterostomal Therapist



From 13th–14th June, the staff of Peking University Health Science Center (PKUHSC) ETNEP received the site visit review from Carol Stott and Shuangshuang Zhang, from the Education Committee of the WCET®.

Firstly, Deng Jun, the executive principal of the ETNEP from Peking University First Hospital (PUFH), gave a report on the development of the program and theoretical teaching and clinical teaching work. Carol Stott and Shuangshuang Zhang then interviewed program leaders and representatives of the teachers about theoretical courses and internship arrangements, teacher qualifications, and clinical practice patterns. They listened to feedback from student representatives from previous programs and current students, as well as reviewing the training materials over the past five years.

Subsequently, Carol Stott and Shuangshuang Zhang visited five clinical practice hospitals, including PUFH, the Pediatric Medicine Department of the Seventh Medical Center of the General Hospital of the People's



Deng Jun, the Executive Vice Principal of PKUHSC ETNEP, giving a report on the program



Interview with teachers and students

Liberation Army of China, Beijing Hospital, Peking University Oncology Hospital, and Beijing Friendship Hospital affiliated with Capital Medical University. By speaking with actual clinical patients and by inspecting nurses' specialised practices and health education on wound ostomy and incontinence care, the experts provided specific and targeted guidance for improving quality and efficiency for both clinical practice and clinical teaching.

After investigating five representative bases, the experts appreciated our efforts in ET training, highly evaluated wound clinical practice, provided constructive suggestions for improving the efficiency and quality of ostomy care, and also encouraged us to enrich the continence related content, emphasised the equal importance of health education and specialised nursing operations, encouraged us to continue our hard work aimed at continually improving and providing high quality of education and training.

Since its establishment in 2004, the PUHSC ETNEP has always committed to educational vision of *Responsibility, Quality, and Influence*. This program is managed by the PUHSC and hosted and executed by Peking University



Pediatric Medicine Department of the Seventh Medical Center of the General Hospital of the People's Liberation Army of China, Beijing Hospital



Carol Stott and Shuangshuang Zhang visit Peking University first hospital. L-R: ET nurse Zhang Peiying, Fu Xiaojin (assessing a diabetic patient with foot ulcer and reporting the result of neurology and arterial screening), Liu jin, Carol Stott, Zhang Shuangshuang



ET nurse Li Huijuan was doing conservative debridement and removing slough from the wound bed at the plastic surgery and burn department of Peking University First Hospital

First Hospital. It is delivered once a year and trains 22–28 ET trainees in each session. So far, 18 sessions were completed, and 351 ETs graduated covering 31 provinces/autonomous regions/municipalities across China, including Xinjiang and Tibet.

The site review is a great opportunity for us to verify and improve. We will continue to make efforts to improve the curriculum and welcome the next review in 2027 with higher teaching quality, furthermore we will make a continuous contribution to the cultivation of ETs in China.



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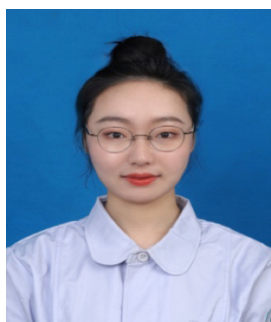
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Training experience in Wenzhou International Enterostomy Therapist School Student from Wenzhou ETNEP, Second affiliated Hospital of Wenzhou Medical University

Qinxin xu



Enterostomal therapists play a significant role in the medical field, such as handling various difficult enterostomies, as well as providing professional and personalised nursing services for patients to facilitate the recovery of their health. Although I did not directly engage in the treatment of

enterostomies in my previous work, I have learned the existence of enterostomal therapists. With great intention to win the opportunity to delve deeper into this field, I hope to broaden my horizons, and improve myself.

Therefore, I have paid much attention and would like to extend my appreciation to attend the 14th training class of Wenzhou Enterostomal Therapist Nursing Education Programs (ETNEP) for a period of 3 months. Here, I'm able to receive professional guidance from first-class teachers both domestically and internationally, and study enterostomies with a group of classmates who are also interested in this field together, so that it's possible for me to successfully become an enterostomal therapist after graduation.

In the stage of theoretical learning, the professional attitude and detailed explanations of the teachers made us deeply aware of the complexity and precision of enterostomal care. Whether it is from stoma evaluation to cleaning, or from wound observation to dressing change, every step should be standardised and proficient, as well as rigorous and meticulous. The class enabled us to learn cutting-edge theoretical knowledge and traditional Chinese medicine wound treatment techniques with the characteristics of China. After class, classmates exchanged experiences, shared insights, supported each other, and made progress together, making me deeply recognise the power of a team.

We learned from the guidance of senior nurses in the clinical practice setting, I was lucky enough to have been exposed to various real cases, enabling me to witness the entire process of enterostomal healing, and recognise the different roles played by ETs in various hospitals. However, whether it is an independent outpatient clinic or ward consultation, we also need to attach importance to the psychological needs of patients in addition to professional nursing techniques.

Besides, we have the necessity to learn how to communicate better with patients, as well as care for and make them feel relieved.

This training experience made me learn a lot. Principal Ms. Chen has deeply devoted herself to the field of ET treatment, building a bridge for international exchange for us. Under the guidance of experts and professors who have spared no effort and even travelled back and forth to teach us on the same day, we have been deeply influenced by their spirit of pursuing excellence and focusing on exploration. In the meantime, the enthusiastic and meticulous attitude of nurses and teachers have guided us to continuously provide nursing services of higher quality for patients. Based on this training, I will make unremitting efforts to continuously strengthen my professional knowledge and skills, while paying more attention to the needs of patients and team collaboration. Only in this way can I make greater contributions to the enterostomal field.



In the clinical practice



Watching the doctor in the endoscopy room



Graduation ceremony

Director's comments (Aihua Alice Chen)



Three months, if ordinary, inadvertently passed; however, these three months in Wenzhou can string together an extraordinary experience in your life. Thirty-three students, from more than ten provinces across the country formed a united and harmonious collective. We respected, loved and cherished each other, and we spent 180 unforgettable days as a family.

"Master introduced the door, practice depends on their own", I hope that all students live up to the ardent expectations of teachers to return to the school and teachers, hospitals and society with excellent results!

As an ET, you should redouble your efforts in the future! Do not forget the original heart of the doctor, keep in mind the service mission, and contribute your youthful power to the cause of ostomy wound incontinence nursing!

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伤口造口治疗师作为医疗领域中非常重要的角色，负责处理各种疑难伤口和造口，为患者提供专业、个性化的护理服务，以帮助患者尽快恢复健康。在以往的工作中，我虽然没有直接参与伤口造口的治疗工作，但对伤口造口治疗师已经是久闻其名，也很希望有机会能够深入接触这个领域，开阔眼界，提升自我。所以，这次有幸参加温州国际造口治疗师学校第十四期培训班，进行为期3个月的学习，接受国内外一流老师的专业教导，和一群同样热爱伤

口造口护理的同学们共同学习，并顺利毕业成为一名伤口造口治疗师，我十分珍惜、满怀感激。

在理论学习阶段，老师们用他们专业的态度、细致的讲解，让我们深刻体会到了伤口造口护理的复杂性和精细性，不管是从造口的评估到清洁，还是从伤口的测量到换药，每一个步骤都要规范、熟练，每个环节都要严谨、细致。课堂上，我们获得了国际最前沿的理论知识，也扩充了中医伤口治疗等具有中国特色的伤口治疗方式。et学校的特别之处还在于有来自五湖四海的同学，这种毫无保留的交流、分享，让我深深感受到了团队的力量。

在临床实践阶段，在资深护士的指导下，我接触到了各种真实的病例，也了解到了ET在各个医院扮演的不同角色。但是，无论是独立门诊还是病房会诊，除了专业的技术，我们还要更加关注患者的心理需求，更好地学会和患者沟通，给予他们关心和安慰。

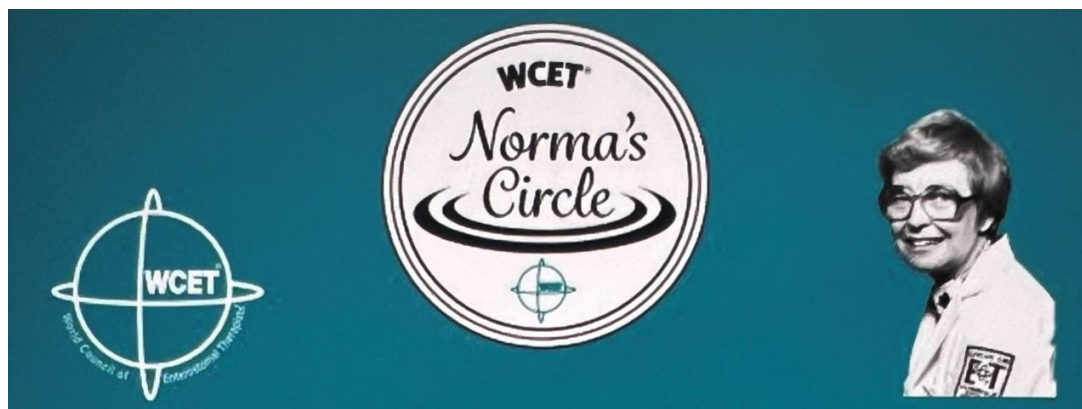
总结这次的培训经历，我深感自己收获颇丰。陈爱华校长深耕伤口造口治疗领域，为我们搭起了国际交流的桥梁；各位专家、教授不辞辛苦，甚至当天往返两地为我们授课，他们精益求精、追求卓越的钻研精神是我们学习的榜样；各位护士老师热爱专注、一丝不苟的工作状态，指引着我们要不断为患者提供更高质量的护理服务。我将以这次培训为起点，持续提升自己的专业知识和技能，并且更加注重患者的需求和团队的协作。希望在未来的职业生涯中，通过自己的不懈努力，为伤口造口护理事业做出更大的贡献。

陈爱华校长点评：

三个月，如果在平常，不经意间也就过去了；但是在温州这三个月，却能串起你人生一段不平凡的经历。33位同学，来自全国十多个省份，组成了一个团结和谐的集体。大家彼此尊重、彼此爱护、彼此珍惜，我们就像一家人一样度过了难忘的180天。

“师傅引进门，修行靠自身，希望各位同学，不要辜负老师们的殷切期望，要以优良的成绩，回报母校与老师，回报医院与社会！作为一名ET，你们今后要加倍努力！不忘医者初心，牢记服务使命，为造口伤口失禁护理事业贡献我们的青春力量！

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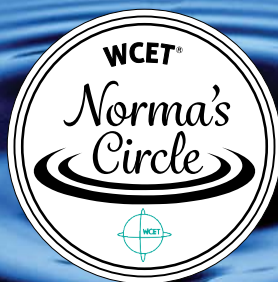
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Reports from around the world

WCET® Congresses time: WCET® Representations

Laurent Chabal

WCET® President



On 4th September I was honoured to be a part of the 42nd AFET (French ET Association) Congress which was held for the first time in Paris, France, in celebration of the 45th anniversary of the French Stoma, Wound and Continence Association. It was a great pleasure to see Louise Forest-Lalande, WCET® Past President,

who was able to join us in person. I was happy to represent and present about the WCET®.

It was a very special event for me, as it brought back lots of memories; it was in the same building where I had studied for my Cellular Biology and Physiology Degree, before moving to Switzerland, more than 30 years ago.



L-R: Martine Pages, WCET® French ID, Françoise Degarat, Danièle Chaumier (AFET President), myself, and Louise Forest-Lalande, WCET® Past President

On 6th–9th September, Dr Elizabeth A Ayello, Immediate Past President, was able to represent the WCET® at the annual AMCICHAC (Mexican Wound Care Association) Congress. I cannot thank her enough for all the work and support she still provides for the WCET®.

On 8th October, I had the opportunity to attend the ASCN UK (Association of Stoma Nurses UK) Congress in Brighton, and to celebrate with them their 10th anniversary. We were able to promote the WCET® on stage and at the booth, including our next Biennial Congress, which will be a joint Congress with the ASCN UK, in Glasgow in September 2024. You will hear more about this upcoming event in this issue.

This conference was the perfect time to announce the opening of the call for abstracts and for the Congress

Scholarship applications; you will find more information at: <https://wcet-ascnuk2024.com>

It was also a great opportunity to meet with Tracy Addis and Ian Katte, our bookkeeper and accountant, who have worked with the WCET® for years, and to discuss some possible improvements to achieve. We will keep you in the loop about them. I was only able to attend a few days at each conference, due to my day job and my lack of enough annual leave, but at least I was able to be available for a part of it.



L-R: Tracy Addis, Alison Crawshaw, myself and Ian Katte at the WCET® Booth

Many thanks to Denise, who was able to attend the 14th Brazilian ET Congress from SOBEST® from 21st–25th October to represent the WCET®. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend in person but presented virtually on 25th October.

From 16th–19th November I will be attending the COMLHEI (Latin American Stoma, Wound and Continence Multidisciplinary Confederation) Congress. I am happy to have been invited to do several presentations.

After more than 20 years of stoma, wound and continence care, it always amazes me that I am still growing and learning, about new procedures and management or care, which will positively affect my own practice when back to work.

Many thanks to all of you for your contributions and educational sharing, helping each of us to be better, up to date evidence-based professionals.

WCET® at SOBEST® in Natal, Brazil

Denise Hibbert

WCET® President Elect



The SOBEST® biennial Congress was held in Natal, Brazil, from 21st–25th October 2023. I am sure that SOBEST® will submit a report for the next *bulletin* issue, but I thought as an invited speaker I would give you a quick glance. I was very honoured to be invited to represent

the WCET®, this was my first visit to Brazil and to attend SOBEST®. I arrived in the beautiful city of Natal on the 21st October at 4am, having been met and escorted from São Paulo by a PhD student of Dr Vera Santos, Talita dos Santos Rosa.



At the opening ceremony, the WCET® short speech



With Talita dos Santos Rosa and other PhD students in São Paulo airport, meet and greet

The opening ceremony was that evening, a lively event presided over by President Dr Sonia Dantas, aided by President Elect Dr Silvia Jorge. I was honoured to be invited to make a short speech as the WCET® representative. There were 1500 attendees, in addition to members from the 26 regions of Brazil, I met attendees from Argentina, Chile, Columbia, Cost Rica and Mexico. The parade of flags (regions and nations) was wonderful, and I was very happy to join in the celebrations, each region waving their flags and dancing through the hall and onto the stage.



Entertainment at the SOBEST® Congress opening ceremony

There were 27 sponsors, the exhibition hall was spacious and modern, with lots of space for vendor mini symposia and demonstrations. The WCET® were provided with a booth next to SOBEST® stand, very suitably placed with a SOBEST® lounge area.



Opening ceremony: parade of Brazilian regions and nations



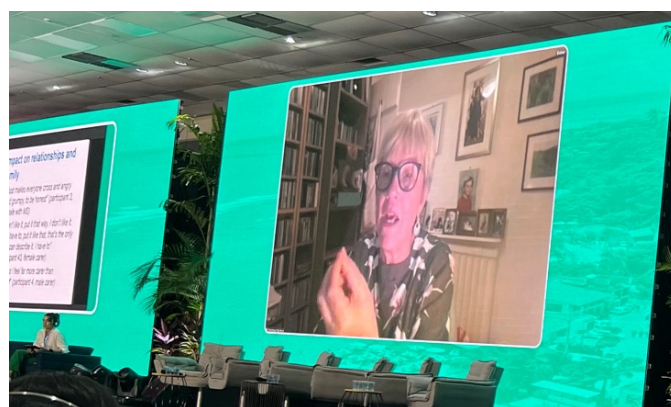
The history of SOBEST®: from WCET®'s mother of stoma therapy Norma Gill to Dr Vera Santos as Brazil's Founder of Enterostomal Therapy, including WCET®'s current President Laurent Chabal



At the WCET® booth. L-R: Dr Silvia Jorge, President Elect SOBEST®, Denise Hibbert, WCET® President Elect, Dr Sonia Dantas, President SOBEST®



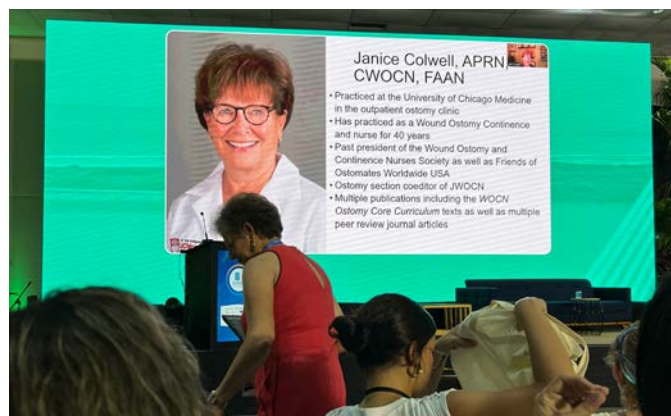
WCET® President Elect Denise Hibbert, Presentation on WCET® education and advancing WOC globally, moderated by Professor Sonia Dantas



Professor Christine Norton's virtual presentation on faecal incontinence, moderated by Talita dos Santos Rosa

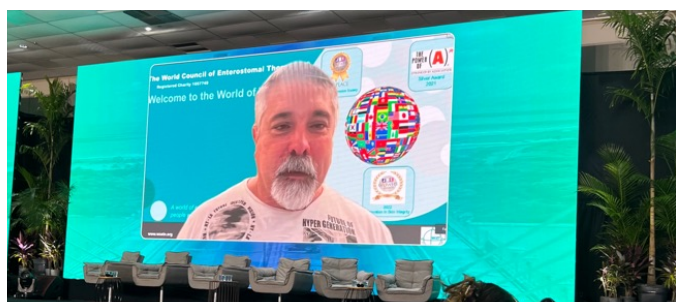


With President Dr Sonia Dantas and Leo and Leones the ostomates



Janice Colwell's virtual presentation on peristomal complications, moderated by Dr Vera Santos

The scientific program was full, with more than 100 speakers, some international speakers presented virtually. The sessions were mostly in Portuguese with English translation on one day only, but the energy and enthusiasm were visible.



WCET® President Laurent Chabal, virtual presentation on stoma supplies and issues around the world, moderated by Paula Cristina Nogueira



With Miguela Lopez, Vice President COMLHEI from Argentina

Ostomy Awareness Day in Western Australia – WA Ostomy Association

Tania Norman – STN at WAOA

We just wanted to share with you how we spent this year's Ostomy Awareness Day. The Western Australia (WA) Ostomy Association went along to support one

of our volunteers, Len Walker, who is also an ostomate, in his over 75s international hockey championship. We are delighted to announce that they won gold – an amazing achievement especially giving the unrelenting heat.



Len Walker, ostomate, over 75s international hockey championship



Over 75s international hockey championship team

Operation of a public service for people with stomas in Southern Brazil

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People with stomas go through important changes in their way of life, whether physical or mental. These changes have a direct impact on their self-care and quality of life¹. The aim of the professional stoma nurse is to reintegrate the person with the stoma into society, educate them in self-care and provide them

with a better quality of life. Caring for people with a stoma requires several dimensions of care, considering the changes caused by the surgical procedure such as the physiology of the gastrointestinal or urinary tract, self-esteem and body image, as well as other changes in their lives due to the presence of the stoma, which is a challenge to the care provided by health professionals². The role of the stoma nurse, through educational

practice, helps facilitate the adaptation of this new health condition, resolving doubts and motivating these individuals' autonomy³.

The stomatherapy service

Porto Alegre is Rio Grande do Sul's state capital, where the service for people with stomas in this case is based. It is located in the south of Brazil and has an estimated population of 1,332,570. The state is responsible for the purchase and distribution to all 497 municipalities. It has a computerised program where all people with an elimination stoma can register through the municipal health departments and begin to receive the necessary materials to care for their stoma; throughout the state, there are currently 11,428 people with stomas registered with the government program.

Porto Alegre has 1,792 people with stomas registered with the state government's program. It has three stomatherapy services for the care of people with stomas, and the site in this report has 645 people with stomas registered, it operates from Monday to Friday, from 7am to 12pm and from 1.30pm to 3.30pm, and is responsible for organising the service, including new patient registrations in the computerised system, nursing consultations and distributing materials.

The service team is made up of a stomatherapist nurse, two nursing technicians, a telephone operator, an administrative assistant, a proctologist, a nutritionist, and a psychologist. Nursing consultations for people with ostomies take place from 8am to 12pm. The nurse's job is to carry out a comprehensive assessment of patients with ostomies, who must have a consultation at least once a year. She also helps with the distribution and organisation of materials, managing the service, stock control, and ordering materials for the state. The nursing technicians distribute the materials to patients and/or their families, register new patients, and help organise the service and the materials in stock.

The service has two nursing offices, with a bathroom, a waiting room, a bathroom adapted for people with ostomies, a room for distributing materials, and storage rooms. Most of the time, the stoma patients seen at the stomatherapy service are referred by the doctors or nurses at the hospitals where they underwent the surgical procedure to have the stoma made, or by the team at their basic health unit. In order to register to receive the materials, you need to be present during the service's opening hours, carrying some documents such as proof of residence, identification documents, medical report, and the Unified Health System (UHS) card. If the patient is unable to attend the service, a family member or a close person indicated by the patient can open the register and pick up the materials, which are distributed on a monthly basis.

The registration and dispensing of materials is done by the Rio Grande do Sul State computerised system, called Management of Users with Disabilities (MUD), which has been in place since April 2007, and is responsible for organising the data, costs and distribution of materials to the registered population. There are 56 different items available to registered patients, such as drainable or closed, flat or convex, intestinal or urinary bypass bags, as well as adjuvant materials, which are: peristomal skin cleanser; powder for skin protection; protective film-forming spray for the skin; activated charcoal filter; support belt for collection bags; barrier pastes for skin protection and leveling.

Patients with a stoma are entitled to receive eight collection bags a month, as well as adjuvant materials;

however, depending on the case, an increase in this amount can be requested from the state, with justification from the stomatherapist nurse. Cases that require a greater number of bags include chemotherapy and poorly located stomas, where it is difficult to keep the collection equipment in place for longer.

Some of the activities carried out are the nursing consultation, which includes anamnesis (patients' recollection of medical history), changing the collecting equipment, assessing the stoma, training in colonic irrigation, active listening, reassessment of the quantities of materials needed to carry out self-care, home visits, support groups, requesting materials from the state, a duty roster and supervising the staff.

The stomatherapy service is a training ground for undergraduate nursing students, the public health residency program, and the specialisation course in stomatherapy nursing.

There is a complexity in caring for stoma patients, as they are people who are psychologically vulnerable due to the physiological changes that occur when they have a stoma. Coming to terms with this new reality imposed in many cases by some pathology or trauma, accepting oneself, and learning to handle collecting equipment, be it a urostomy, nephrostomy, ileostomy, and/or colostomy and their respective care, requires a lot of discernment on the part of both the team providing guidance and the patient using the device. The work of the stomatherapist nurse is essential in the lives of users, since they work directly in health education, promoting guidance, so that the user can carry out their self-care when possible, enabling a better quality of life and helping them to adapt to this new health condition.

The experience of carrying out a nursing consultation with a stoma patient adds technical and scientific knowledge. Learning to understand each patient, providing humanised care, fostering self-care and the autonomy of these individuals, and showing that they are capable of a normal life, even after the stoma has been made, is of great value.



Consulting room [source: author's archive]



Adapted bathroom [source: author's archive]



Support team [source: author's archive]

Funcionamento de um serviço público de atendimento às pessoas com estomia no Sul do Brasil

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Pessoas com estomia passam por mudanças importantes no seu modo de vida, sejam elas físicas ou mentais. Tais mudanças impactam diretamente no seu autocuidado e na sua qualidade de vida¹. O profissional enfermeiro estomaterapeuta tem como objetivo reinserir a pessoa com estomia na sociedade, educar para o autocuidado e proporcionar uma maior qualidade de vida. O atendimento às pessoas com estomia demanda diversas dimensões de cuidado, considerando as



Nurse Rosaura Paczek and nurse academics [source: author's archive]

mudanças ocasionadas pelo procedimento cirúrgico, tais como: a fisiologia do aparelho gastrointestinal ou urinário, a autoestima e a imagem corporal, além de outras modificações em sua vida devido à presença do estoma, o que constitui um desafio ao cuidado prestado pelos profissionais de saúde². A atuação do enfermeiro estomaterapeuta por meio da prática educativa, colabora de forma facilitadora na adaptação dessa nova condição de saúde, sanando as dúvidas e motivando a autonomia desses indivíduos³.

O serviço de estomaterapia

Porto Alegre é a capital do Estado do Rio Grande do Sul, onde está inserido o serviço de atendimento às pessoas com estomia deste relato. Situa-se no sul do Brasil e possui uma população estimada em 1.332.570 habitantes. O Estado é o responsável pela compra e distribuição para todos os 497 municípios, possui um programa informatizado onde todas as pessoas com estomia de eliminação podem realizar o cadastro por meio das secretarias municipais de saúde e passam a receber os materiais necessários para o cuidado com seu estoma, em todo Estado atualmente, existem 11.428 pessoas com estomas cadastradas no programa do governo.

Porto Alegre possui 1.792 pessoas com estomias cadastradas no programa do governo do Estado, apresenta três Serviços de Estomaterapia para o atendimento às pessoas com estomia, e o local do referido relato possui 645 pessoas com estomias cadastradas, funciona de segunda à sexta-feira, das 7h às 12h horas e das 13h30min às 15h30min, sendo responsável pela organização do serviço, a inclusão de novos cadastros de pacientes no sistema informatizado, consultas de Enfermagem e distribuição dos materiais.

A equipe do serviço é composta por uma enfermeira estomaterapeuta, duas técnicas de Enfermagem, uma telefonista, uma assistente administrativa, um médico

proctologista, uma nutricionista e um psicólogo. As consultas de Enfermagem para o atendimento às pessoas com estomias ocorrem das 08h às 12h, a enfermeira tem como função a avaliação integral dos pacientes com estomias, que devem passar por uma consulta pelo menos uma vez ao ano. Além disso, auxilia na distribuição e organização dos materiais, no gerenciamento do serviço, controle de estoque, solicitação de materiais para o Estado. As técnicas de Enfermagem fazem a distribuição dos materiais aos pacientes e/ou familiares, e realizam os novos cadastros e auxiliam na organização do serviço e dos materiais do estoque.

O serviço conta com dois consultórios de Enfermagem com banheiro, sala de espera, banheiro adaptado para pessoas com estomia, sala para distribuição de materiais e salas para armazenamento deles. Os pacientes estomizados atendidos no Serviço de Estomaterapia, na maioria das vezes, são encaminhados pelos médicos ou enfermeiros dos hospitais onde realizaram o procedimento cirúrgico para a confecção do estoma, ou também pela equipe da sua unidade básica de saúde. Para realizar o cadastro para o recebimento dos materiais é necessário o comparecimento presencial durante o horário de funcionamento do serviço, portando alguns documentos como comprovante de residência, documento de identificação, laudo médico e cartão do Sistema Único de Saúde (SUS). No caso de o paciente não conseguir comparecer ao Serviço, um familiar ou indivíduo próximo indicado por ele pode abrir o cadastro e retirar os materiais, os materiais são distribuídos mensalmente.

O cadastro e a dispensação de materiais são feitos pelo sistema informatizado do Estado do Rio Grande do Sul, denominado de Gerenciamento de Usuários com Deficiência (GUD), que existe desde abril de 2007, sendo o sistema responsável pela organização dos dados, dos custos e da distribuição dos materiais à população cadastrada. Existem 56 itens diferentes disponibilizados aos pacientes cadastrados, como bolsas drenáveis ou fechadas, planas ou convexas, de derivação intestinal ou urinária, além dos materiais adjuvantes, que são: limpador de pele periestomal; pó para a proteção da pele; *spray* formador de película protetora para a pele; filtro de carvão ativado; cinto de sustentação para as bolsas coletoras; pastas barreiras para a proteção e nivelamento da pele.

Os pacientes estomizados têm direito a receber oito bolsas coletoras por mês, além dos materiais adjuvantes; porém, dependendo do caso, pode ser solicitado ao Estado, mediante justificativa da enfermeira estomaterapeuta, um aumento desse quantitativo. Casos que fazem com que um maior número de bolsas seja solicitado, com a inclusão de quimioterapia e,

também os estomas mal localizados, onde existe a dificuldade de manter o equipamento coletor aderido por mais tempo.

Algumas das atividades desenvolvidas são a consulta de Enfermagem, que engloba anamnese, a troca do equipamento coletor, avaliação do estoma, treinamento para irrigação de cólons, escuta ativa, reavaliação das quantidades de materiais para a realização do autocuidado, visita domiciliar, grupos de apoio, solicitação de materiais para o Estado, escala de tarefas e supervisão dos funcionários.

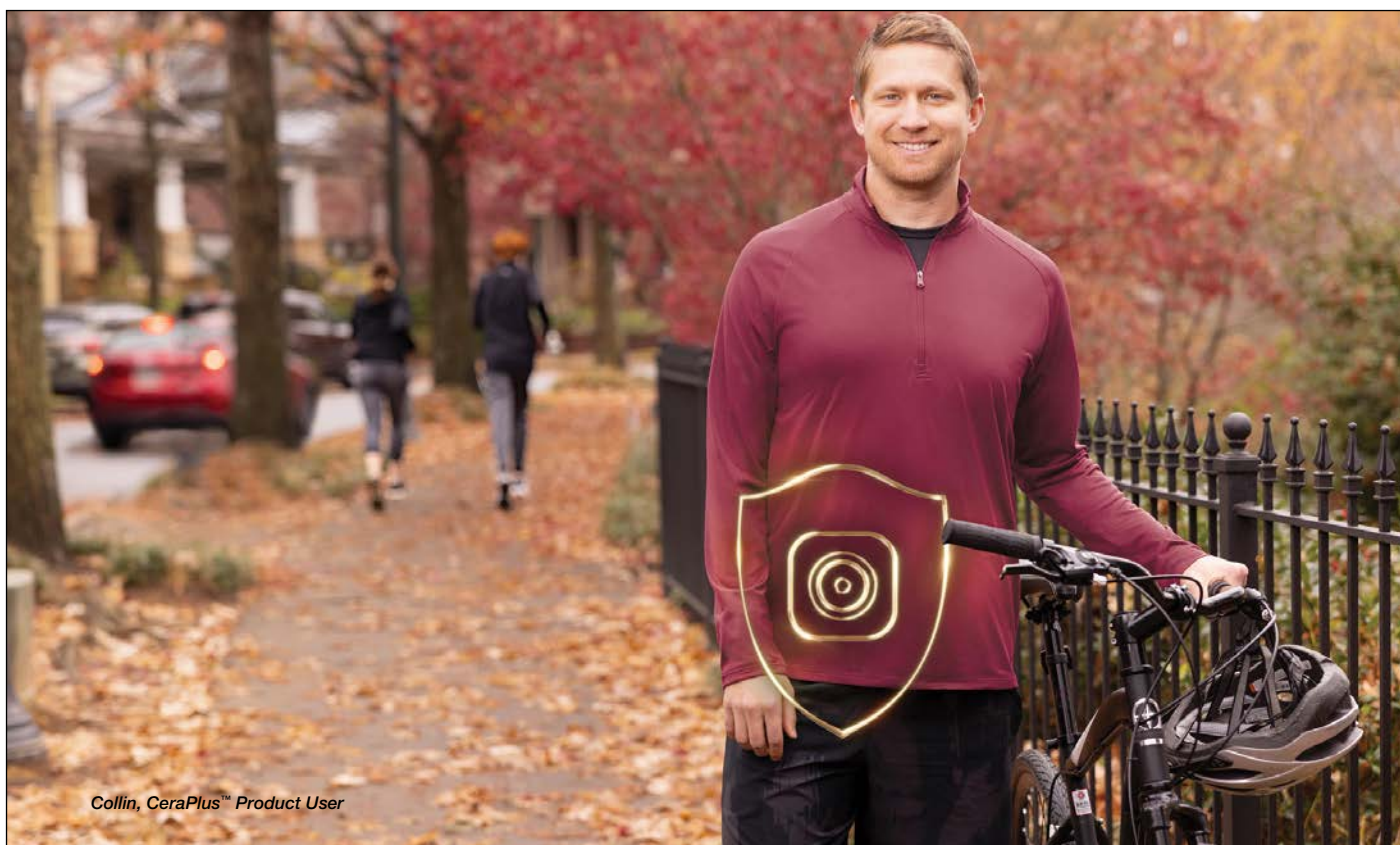
O Serviço de Estomaterapia é campo de estágio para os alunos da graduação em Enfermagem, do programa de residência em saúde pública e para o curso de especialização em Enfermagem em Estomaterapia.

Tem-se uma complexidade dos cuidados aos pacientes estomizados, pois são pessoas que possuem uma vulnerabilidade psicológica devido às alterações fisiológicas que ocorrem com a realização do estoma. Se deparar com esta nova realidade imposta em muitos casos por alguma patologia ou trauma, aceitar-se, aprender a fazer o manuseio de equipamentos coletores seja de urostomia, nefrostomia, ileostomia e/ou colostomia e seus respectivos cuidados, requer muito discernimento tanto da equipe que orienta quanto do paciente que faz o uso do dispositivo. O trabalho do enfermeiro estomaterapeuta se faz imprescindível na vida dos usuários, visto que atua diretamente na educação em saúde promovendo a orientação, visando que o usuário realize seu autocuidado quando possível, possibilitando uma melhor qualidade de vida e auxiliando na adaptação dessa nova condição de saúde.

A experiência em realizar consulta de Enfermagem com o paciente estomizado acrescenta conhecimentos técnico-científicos. Aprender a entender cada paciente, prestar um cuidado humanizado, fomentar o autocuidado e a autonomia desses indivíduos e mostrar que são capazes de uma vida normal, mesmo após a confecção do estoma é de grande valia.

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XIV Brazilian Enterostomal Therapy Congress – CBE 2023

The XIV Brazilian Enterostomal Therapist Congress (CBE) will be a grand event and will strengthen Brazilian stomatherapy with more than 1000 registrants, 511 scientific works and 60 national and international guests. The best works will compete for the Isabel Cesaretti award, an homage to the University professor, enterostomal therapist, writer and coordinator of the enterostomal therapy courses, and the Nei Semedo award, an industry representative who enchanted enterostomal therapists during his life with his wide smile and polite and competent way of working.



Isabel Cesaretti award and Nei Semedo award that will take place at the XIV Brazilian Congress of Enterostomal Therapy and submission of papers (CBE 2023)

This will be the first CBE to be held in a Convention centre and on this occasion the first meeting of the Academic Stomatherapy Leagues – INTERLIGAS – will be held. A pioneering idea that encourages nursing students to become enchanted by the specialty, having the opportunity to take part in scientific activities and events. In addition, there will be the 1st National Conference on Care for People with Ostomies and Incontinence – CONAPOI – led by the Ostomized Movement Brazil – MOBR® – in partnership with SOBEST®.



At the event we will also have the election of the SOBEST® management board from 2024–2025 and the Sectionals. Currently, SOBEST® is present in several regions of Brazil and will have 18 sections distributed in the South (3) Southeast (3) Central-West (2) Northeast (7), North (2) and Federal District (1). It should be noted that to be president of the Section, in addition to completing a enterostomal therapists courses at an educational institution accredited by SOBEST®/WCET®, it is necessary to have a degree from SOBEST® through proof of knowledge and skills, which is Ti-SOBEST, carried out at conferences in person. Access the Website: <https://sobest.com.br/cbe2023/>.



EXPO-CBE – Technology Fair

The CBE 2023 will have a technology fair and will feature more than 30 companies in different areas of enterostomal therapy. This will be an opportunity for companies to showcase their products and for XIV CBE participants to learn about technological advances to improve care for people with wounds, ostomies and incontinence.



Companies participating in the XIV CBE 2023

EVENTS

The participation of Brazilian enterostomal therapists in the organisation of scientific events.

1st Multiprofessional Symposium on Laryngectomized People

On 19th August, the 1st Multiprofessional Symposium for Laryngectomized People was held in Fortaleza/CE – Brazil and topics such as the surgical approach, speech rehabilitation, peristomal skin care, perspectives

and repercussions of head and neck cancer, post-operative care was discussed. Operations, visibility of laryngectomised people, organised in round tables, scientific panels and a talk show with laryngectomised people, made it possible to share their experiences. The event was organised by the SOBEST® Ceará Section, Hospital Dr Carlos Alberto Studart Gomes, Faculty Rodolfo Teófilo/ Rede Multiversa, Enterostomal Therapist Course and at the Federal University of Ceará (UFC), Atos Medical, Estomaterapia Florenciente and League of Academic League Enterestomal Therapists at the State University of Ceará (UECE).

The program included a multidisciplinary team such as head and neck surgeons, stoma therapist nurses, speech therapists, laryngectomised people and their families. One of the highlights of the event was the round table entitled: *Visibility of laryngectomized people in the Unified Health System: what can we do?*, which included representatives from national and local SOBEST® and also a federal deputy. Based on Ordinance No. 400/2009, which is part of the National Health Policy for People with Disabilities, issues such as the distribution of inputs and the possibilities of developing public policies for this population that promote equity and quality of life for these people were discussed. The symposium was successful in its first implementation for professional training and updating, highlighting the importance of the multidisciplinary team in caring

for this public and the strengthening of sociopolitical movements that favour visibility and comprehensive assistance for laryngectomised people.



Participants in the 1st Multiprofessional Symposium on Laryngectomized People in Ceará organised by Dr Aurilene Lima, Presidente de Seção SOBEST-CE

1st Municipal, State and District Conference on Care for Ostomised People held in partnership with the Ostomised Movement Brazil (MOBR), Ostomised People's Associations and SOBEST®

To celebrate the importance of people with ostomies, state conferences were organised by the Brazil Ostomy Movement to focus on people with ostomies and incontinence. The SOBEST® sections supported and contributed to the event, which was attended by people with ostomies, health professionals, companies and authorities such as councilors, State Deputies, Federal Deputies and managers.

1st State Conference on Care for People with Ostomies in São Paulo – COESAPOI

The 1st COESAPOI-SP was held in the Legislative Assembly of São Paulo and was attended by the President of the Ostomised Movement Brazil, Ana Paula Batista, President of SOBEST® Dr Sonia Dantas, deputies, and associations of Ostomised Patients who debated public policies.



Participants of COESAPOI – SP



The District Conference on Care for People with Ostomies – CODAPOI

CODAPOI took place in Brasília, in the Federal Capital, and was organised by MOBR, SECTION SOBEST®-DF, Ostomy Patients Association and supporting companies, the main objective was to guarantee the rights, access and inclusion of people with stoma.



President of the SOBEST® DF Section Alexandra Lino, President of MOBR Ana Paula Batista, ET André, ET Sabrine (SESFD) member of the SOBEST® Board of Directors Ana Lúcia and other participants

1st Municipal Conference on Care for people with Ostomies and Incontinence – COMUAPOI-Rio de Janeiro

The COMUAPOI-RJ, promoted by MOBR® and SOBEST® Section RJ with the aim of improving access to health, accessibility and inclusion, equal opportunities and respect for differences. Below is the image of the Coral of laryngectomised patients in Rio de Janeiro.



Participants from COMAEOPI-RJ and Rio de Janeiro Larinjectomized Choir

1st COESAPOI-Maranhão State Conference on Care for People with Ostomies and Incontinence

The 1st COESAPOI-MA was carried out by AOMA, MOBR in partnership with SOBEST®-MA, Empresas ConvaTec, Coloplast, Hollister, Atos and the coordination of people with disabilities.



President of Célia Paiva, president of AOMA, Ana Paula Batista, president of MOBR and Mariana Diniz, stoma therapist and coordinator of people with disabilities in Maranhão, participants and people with disabilities and stoma



1st COESAPOI – Piauí State Conference on Care for People with Ostomies and Incontinence

The State Conference on Care for Ostomized and Incontinent People of Piauí was organised by AOSEPI, MOBR®, Academic League of Stomatherapy, coordination of the Enterostomal Therapist Course at the State University of Piauí and had an extensive program with participants from the multidisciplinary team and public policies were debated, accessibility, guarantee of rights and distribution of equipment for people with ostomies, as well as the importance of material for clean intermittent catheterisation.



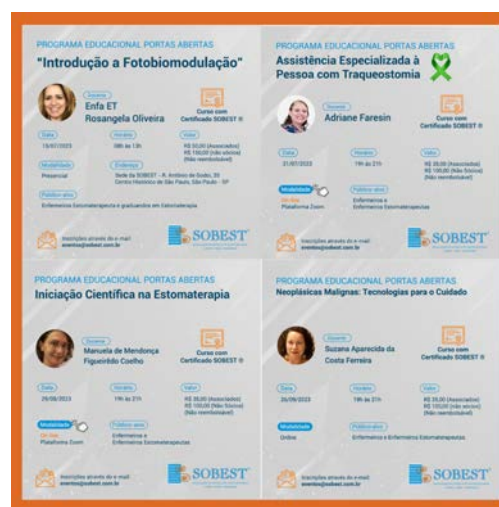
Presence of Dr Cristiane Moura Fé (Representative of the State Health Department), Dr Nirvania do Vale (General Director of the Getúlio Vargas Hospital, Director of the Health Sciences Center), Dr Fabiana Portela, Deputy Gil Carlos, Deputy Fábio Novo, Manoel Araújo (President of the association of people with ostomies), Georgia Menor, representatives of the Piauí Nursing Council, Francisco Cavalcante (Director of the Center for assistance to people with ostomies), stomal therapists Roxana Mesquita and Sandra Marina and also the companies Hollister, Coloplast and ConvaTec



Members of the League and AOSEPI, Prof Dr Miguel Augusto Arcoverde Nogueira (Head of Residency in Coloproctology) and Dr Auriane Alencar (Pediatric Surgeon), Prof Dr Claudia Danielle Avelino Vasconcelos, ET Mariana Diniz, MA, Secretary of People with Disabilities of Maranhão, PRISMAS Entities (Autistic), ET Roxana Mesquita and Dr Tomaz Queiroz (administrative director of the Ostomy Program)

SOBEST® Open Doors

SOBEST's Open Doors Educational Program over the last 3 months has ensured continued teaching in person and online. Investing in specialised health education within the area of stoma therapy is one of the ways to prepare the specialty for safe and quality care aimed at people with wounds, stomas and incontinence. Find out more by accessing: <https://sobest.com.br/tipo-evento/portas-abertas/>



"PORTAS ABERTAS" educational program

SOBEST® sessions and scientific coffee

Activities of the RS section of SOBEST® in the second half of 2023

The SOBEST® section of RS, under the presidency of nurse ET Rosaura Soares Paczek, holds scientific events in the capital and in the interior of the State, in person or online, covering various topics, with the aim of promoting specialisation to nurses and future professionals of nursing; these are in partnership with universities. The RS section believes that the promotion of scientific meetings helps the exchange of experiences and improves assistance to people with wounds, ostomies and incontinence.

In the south of Brazil, the events are called “Chimarrão Científico” because chimarrão is a traditional drink from the southern region, which is an infusion of the yerba mate plant in hot water served in a gourd with a pump.

On 17th August 2023 we had an in-person scientific meeting on *The role of the stomach therapist nurse in the care and treatment of wounds in patients with DM*, an event held at the University of Santa Cruz do Sul, with the speaker ET Nurse Gustavo Gomboski.

On 12th September 2023, an online event was held with the theme *Ozone therapy – update for the stomach therapist* with the speaker Nurse Mariana Amorim.



Prof Dr Augusto Cezar Antunes Araújo Filho talking about complex wounds to nurses in primary care and the hospital network in the Floriano region

SOBEST®, ET Prof Dr Augusto Cezar Araujo Antunes, Prof Ma. Luzinete Rodrigues and Prof Moema organised the 1st course on complex wounds in the city of Floriano, which included theoretical classes and workshops on complex wounds.



Master Professor and Stomach Therapist Gustavo Gomboski – RS <https://sobest.com.br/secoes/>

SOBEST® PIAUÍ

Floriano's Complex Wound Assessment and Care Course

In partnership with the Regional Hospital, Course Coordination, the Coordinator of the Enterostomal Therapist Academic League, the Nursing Council and



SOBEST® São Paulo

A course in celebration of the Day of People with Ostomies, was held in partnership with the Nursing Council in São Paulo –COREN®-SP and SOBEST®-SP section. On this occasion, there were topics aimed at people with ostomies.



Publication of the day of people with ostomies in the São Paulo Section in partnership with the Regional Nursing Council of São Paulo

The course was well received and had positive feedback that there was a need to organise a second event; there were requests for a face-to-face course with practices for the care of ostomised patients and the management of toy therapy for ostomised children.



Publication of the day of people with ostomies in the São Paulo Section in partnership with the Regional Nursing Council of São Paulo

Enterostomal Therapist Academy League LAET-UESPI

The 1st Academic Symposium of the Enterostomal Therapist Academic League of the State University of Piauí took place in August and was an important moment to involve the Academy to discuss topics such as ostomies, incontinence and wounds. The participants were committed to organising the event and had the support of the Stomatherapy Research Group at UESPI and SOBEST® to give lectures and courses.



Participants and speakers of the 1st Symposium Academics League of Enterostomal Therapy in Piauí

LAPEFE-UFSC

In the undergraduate nursing course at the Federal University of Santa Catarina (UFSC) there is the Stomatherapy League (LAPEFE/UFSC), which is made up of academics, undergraduates and health professionals. One of the focuses is the work in relation to the care of people with ostomies and their families. Thus, the work is developed in partnership with the Ostomy Support Group (GAO/UFSC) and the undergraduate course: teaching surgical care, in order to improve the rehabilitation process and quality of life for these people. During graduation, we developed workshops to teach this care and in the surgical hospitalisation units of the university hospital we developed guidance and care practices with these patients and their families. This process, in addition to being a university extension practice, highlights the humanistic values and holistic vision for the development of this care, focusing on the autonomy, self-care and independence of these patients.

This process is led by professors Dr Lúcia Nazareth Amante and Dr Juliana Balbinot Reis Girondi, both undergraduate professors and coordinators of GAO and LAPEFE.

Workshops to implement care for people with an intestinal stoma were developed during the nursing course at the Federal University of Santa Catarina (UFSC).



Participants of LAPESFE-UFSC



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Report from Chile in commemoration of World Ostomy Awareness Day

Heidi Hevia y Andrea Lira

The nurse dedicated to the care of the ostomy patient is increasingly empowered and their work is recognised as an important part of the coloproctology team. The objective of nursing is to provide care based on evidence; for this reason training, conferences, webinars and meetings are constantly carried out to understand the concerns and needs of patients, identify educational needs of professionals and provide them with tools to provide safe and quality care. In the context of giving visibility to the celebration of World Ostomy Awareness Day, different activities were carried out in Chile, both education with professionals and recreational activities with ostomy patients, with the aim of raising awareness of the problems of the ostomised person and raising awareness in the community. We share some of the activities developed in Chile.

The University of Valparaíso has been developing the wound and ostomy diploma course for two years, aimed at undergraduate students. An entire module is dedicated to teaching aspects related to the care of the ostomised person; one of the in-person activities is marking the stoma site. Recently the university commemorated the procedure room that will support the practice of both undergraduate and postgraduate students, in addition to being able to carry out research studies, and in this way link the university with the community, this room will allow making agreements with public hospitals of the Valparaíso region.



Heidi Hevia Campos with Faculty and students of the University of Valparaíso



Practising stoma siting



Enjoying discussion



Heidi Hevia Campos with Faculty and students of the University of Valparaíso

The Chilean Society of Coloproctology in the context of its annual congress dedicates a module to nursing. This year Solange Cortés and Ximena Meneses were in charge of organising the activity.



Chilean Society of Coloproctology Annual Congress



At the Chilean Society of Coloproctology Annual Congress

The scientific society of stomas, wounds and continences of Chile (ACCHIEHC), designed a brochure to raise awareness in the community about the importance of the ostomised person, remembering that the main cause leading to ostomies is colon and rectal cancer.



Various health institutions carried out training activities or recreational activities to give visibility to the ostomised person, to know their concerns and needs and respond to them. These activities were carried out by the nurses in charge of the ostomy care clinics.

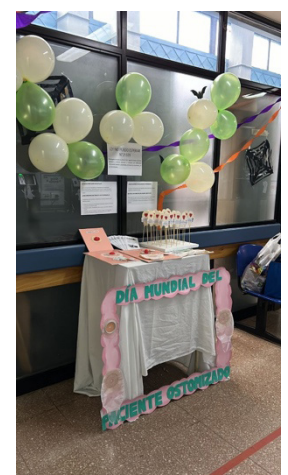


Pictures from the Ostomy Awareness Day celebrations

The group of nurses caring for ostomised people have had different initiatives to celebrate the day of the ostomy person, with the aim of raising awareness about the importance of specialised care and for patients to feel the love and concern that nursing has for them and tell them "You are not alone".



In celebration of World Ostomy Awareness Day



An evening for the Norma N. Gill Birthday celebration

Mohd Rahime Ab Wahab, IPAC, BNsC, WOC(ET)N, RN
Director of UM-ETNEP
Malaysian ID for WCET®



The founder of Enterostomal Therapy special remembrance day in conjunction with the University of Malaya Medical Centre, Enterostomal Therapy Nursing Education Program (UM-ETNEP) 2023, Malaysia.

This year, in June, 2023, our University of Malaya Medical Centre (UMMC), Enterostomal Therapy (ET) Team of Malaysia and UMMC-ETNEP students, are having another annual activity to commemorate the Norma N. Gill Birthday, which gives us an opportunity to remember Norma and the tremendous, inspiring work she achieved. It was a double celebration as it was held in conjunction with our UM-ETNEP 2023, the UMMC ET is delighted to share our activity on this special day.

With the aim of inspiring our enterostomal therapists with the Norma N. Gill life journey, presented by the UMMC-ETNEP Director, who is also our WCET® International Delegate (ID) for Malaysia, none other than Mr. Mohd Rahime Ab Wahab.

This event is a great opportunity to celebrate our specialty and a day for us to reflect on our daily work involvement and dedication, and most of all to be proud of ourselves as WCET® ostomy, wound and continence nurses.

Our theme of the day was shades of pink. All of us are wearing a pink coloured dress code to enjoy many activities such as games, quizzes, decoration including interactive sessions on day two with collaboration with industry, ConvaTec.

This day will be celebrated annually to keep us motivated and continuously inspired by Norma's mission and vision for this specialty.



L-R: Chiew L F, Nabila, Mohd Rahime, Tarmizi



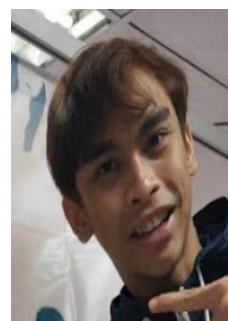
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L-R: Anis, Ooi L H, Chew L F, Wong P L, Baity, Tan S M



Mohd Rahime



Tarmizi



Nabila



L-R: Ristha, June, Siti, Teresa



All attendees: ET, students of UM-ETNEP and participants



L-R, rear: Nadrah, Teresa, Baity, Esther, Sufin, Haslina, Anis, Nadirah, Chiew L F, Ristha, Wong P L, Ooi L H, Aishah, Hanum, Hazati

L-R, front: Tan S M, June, Mohd Rahime, Francis, Siti, Tarmizi



L-R: Aishah, Nadira, Ristha, Ooi L H, Wong P L, Anis, Esther, Mohd Rahime, Nabila



L-R, rear: Ristha, Ooi L H, Wong P L, Nadira, Haslina, Teresa, Hanum, Aishah, Esther, Baity, Chiew L F, Sufin, Nadrah, L-R, front: Tarmizi, Mohd Rahime, Tan S M



L-R: Ristha, Sufin, Haslina, Teresa, Esther, Haslina, Chew L F, Anis, Siti, Nadira, Baiti, Hazati, Aishah, Hanum, Tan S M, Nadrah, Ooi L H, Tarmizi



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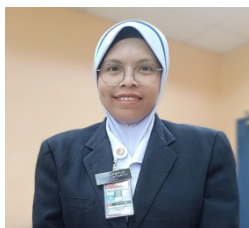


L-R, rear: Sufin, Nadira, Teresa, Haslina, Aishah, Nadrah, Mohd Rahime, Hanum, Tarmizi
L-R, front: Esther, Baity, Hazati, Ristha, Chiew L F

World Ostomy Awareness Day 2023: Malaysia

Nurbaisyah binti Badaruddin

**Enterostomal Therapist Nurse & Registered Nurse, Colorectal support Unit (CRSU),
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I would like to share with you the program we provided for ostomates and caregivers for World Ostomy Awareness Day, on 7th October 2023, at the Colorectal Support Unit (CRSU) in Raja Permaisuri Bainun Hospital, Ipoh, Perak, Malaysia, in collaboration with the Surgical Department. This is the second time we have organised this event, including activities to demonstrate ostomates can undertake normal activities, and also avoid discrimination against ostomates. The total attendance was 86. We thank Miss Elaine Ng Hui Been, Colorectal Surgeon, who was instrumental in ensuring success.



Together we are stronger!

The event started with a walkathon, even though the ostomates wore stoma bags this did not stop them from walking together to show that they are strong and resilient.



Ostomate exercising and also doing zumba



Participants attended the program (ostomates, caregivers, nurses and paramedics)



The faces of happy radiance on every participant especially the ostomate during the opening ceremony



Together we are stronger!

News-worthy items from the USA Pacific Northwest – Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington

Shelly Burdette-Taylor – Southern California

In August 2024, the first Pacific Rim WOCN® Conference will be held in Anchorage, Alaska. The states that are coming together to network and exchange ideas to improve healthcare delivery are Alaska, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington and US Territory of Guam.

Wound, ostomy, continence and foot care nurses will congregate in Alaska to meet, greet, share clinical and collegial concerns, ideas, suggestions and topics. Keynote speakers from Alaska, Idaho and Washington have been invited to discuss trends in pelvic floor intervention, professional growth and development, and inspirational self-care ideas. Traditional topics on wound care, skin, and ostomy case studies and other topics are to be decided and offered.

Other newsworthy events are the invitation to the University of Washington, Seattle, Annual Wound Care Conference in November 2023, to speak on *War, weapons, weather, and wounds*. This presentation focuses on the injuries and interventions from the Crimean War in 1855 to the current Ukraine War – a span of over 165 years with conflict in same geographical parts of the world. The content encompasses the history of wound care and military wound care inventions and interventions used day to day for the devastating ballistic/s leading to abdominal, thoracic, and genital injuries and extremity loss.

The Alaska Nurses Association has survived the isolating COVID days by conducting foot, wound and population health topics through webinars for annual conferences, regional meetings, and Tuesday Talk platforms. Recently topics such as the *Dermatologic mimics of Pressure Ulcers related to COVID* has been offered.

The grant-funded project *Developing a sustainable foot and wound care clinic for the homeless natives of Alaska* launched in Anchorage in 2016 is ongoing – the Alaska Parish Nurses and other community members have assumed the lead and are offering the clinic 1–2 times per month at Central Lutheran Church and the Brother Francis Shelter.

The new edition of *Wound care made visual* editor Patricia A Slachta, is now available on amazon.com – many US contributors shared their expertise for this publication.

Four-day Intensive Foot and Nail Care for Board Certification courses are being offered in San Diego,

California October 2023 with the Pacific Coast Region of the WOCN® and Anchorage, Alaska in June 2024 with the Alaska Nurses Association and Northwest WOCN®.

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The NPIAP (National Pressure Injury Advisory Panel) meeting, Boston Massachusetts

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The NPIAP (National Pressure Injury Advisory Panel) held its most recent meeting on 16th–17th August 2023 in Boston Massachusetts. The WCET® is a contributing member on several committees.

The next in person meeting will be in San Antonio, Texas on 11th–12th January 2024 followed by the NPIAP Winter Meeting on 16th–17th February 2024. In addition to two full days of education, there will be several pre conferences including a highly sought after program on sharp debridement, biopsies and suturing for those whose scope allows these techniques to be done. For more information, go to [NPIAP.org](https://www.npiap.org)

NPIAP is also launching a Center of Excellence designation for acute care organisations who are excelling in pressure injury prevention and early

intervention. You can find more information on the website and by registering for a webinar explaining the requirements.

The NPIAP is also seeking great photos that illustrate all stages of pressure injuries. Ideal photos will be high quality, free of any patient identifiers with a clear location. A signed patient consent to use the photos for education should also be provided. The NPIAP will then own these photos and use them for education. They will be available for purchase and high-quality resources benefit everyone. Remember how challenging it was to learn proper staging in the beginning of your career. Here is a way to help others advance their careers in our specialties. Please consider supporting this effort with photos showing different stages and different skin tones.

Thank you for your support of our peers who are beginning their careers.

Message from WOCN® President

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Dear Laurent,

I am sending this request on behalf of the WOCN® Board of Directors and would like to take this opportunity to kindly ask for your assistance. It has come to our attention that individuals and organisations throughout our industry have been improperly using the term "WOCN®". WOCN® is a trademarked acronym abbreviated for the Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Nurses Society™ (WOCN®). The most common issue is individuals referring to themselves as a "WOCN®". The acronym should never be used as a nursing credential. If the individual is not certified, they should refer to themselves as a WOC nurse, wound nurse, ostomy nurse, continence nurse. In addition, under no circumstances should the WOCN® trademark be altered, modified, or used in a manner that could potentially dilute or diminish its impact. It should not be used as a substitute for products or services or used in a possessive manner.

I feel confident you can appreciate and understand our position. Therefore, we are asking you to disseminate this request to all the appropriate individuals within your organisation to ensure compliance. We would greatly appreciate a review of your materials, including websites, brochures, presentations, and any other promotional or informational content, to ensure adherence to our guidelines. If any adjustments need to be made, please make them promptly to maintain consistency and protect the integrity of our brand. If you have any questions regarding the proper usage of the WOCN® trademark or need clarification on any of the guidelines, please do not hesitate to contact us at share@wocn.org.

We are here to support and assist you. We genuinely appreciate your attention to this matter and your commitment to upholding the standards and reputation of the WOCN® registered trademark as well as the credibility and distinction of our brand. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

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The importance of a proper title

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Regardless of where you work in the world, it is important to use the correct title that accurately represents your role. A proper title can help clarify the work you do and elevate your professional status. Collectively, individuals doing the same work and identifying themselves with a common title helps to elevate the role and the profession. Opportunities arise to collaborate with others with a common interest, to work with governments, for job protection and for pay equality. Collaboration also helps to secure services needed by the individuals served. The impact of a proper title is evident in wound, ostomy and continence nursing.

The history of enterostomal therapy begins with the efforts of Norma Gill who brought together a small group of caregivers committed to providing individuals with ostomies help to live their best lives. The group identified themselves as enterostomal therapists and laid a foundation that changed the lives of all of those who followed the path they created as well as the countless individuals that benefited from their care and compassion. From a meager beginning, the role has continued to evolve and expand. With growth, change is inevitable.

The first enterostomal therapists were caring, non-healthcare providers. With time in the United States, the role became a nursing specialty recognised by the American Nurses Association (ANA). The nurses practising in the role were known as enterostomal therapists, enterotherapy nurses, or ETs for short, and were required to hold a bachelor's degree or higher. Over time, the specialty expanded to include care of individuals with wound and continence care needs.

A voluntary certification was added and those who successfully completed the board examination could use the title of certified enterostomal therapist, CETN. A generation of nurses, including us, began their careers as CETNs. However, in an effort to better describe the expanded role to include wound and continence care, some name changes occurred. The title of ET was lovingly retired. The new title of wound, ostomy, and continence nurse was born. This title may be abbreviated to WOC nurse. The professional organisation, of the United States of America, supporting these specialists changed

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its name to Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Nurses Society and trademarked the acronym WOCN®, thereby limiting its use to only referring to the organisation or society. Using the acronym in any other manner is a trademark violation.

While totally separate entities, the certification organisation followed with change. Their name changed to Wound, Ostomy, Continence Nursing Certification Board, abbreviated WOCNCB®. Exam opportunities changed by splitting into three separate certification exams: one for each specialty area. Nurses could now certify in those areas more reflective of their individual practices. That could be all three, only one or several combinations. Like WOCN®, the acronyms referring to the organisation and the certifications are also trademarked. Table one identifies the certification acronyms. More information may be found at their website: wocncb.org.

Table 1.

Acronym	Certification
CWOCN®	Certified Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Nurse
CWON®	Certified Wound Ostomy Nurse
CWCN®	Certified Wound Care Nurse
COCN®	Certified Ostomy Care Nurse
CCCN®	Certified Continence Care Nurse

When signing their name, certified nurses should use the acronym which accurately represents their certification. For example, an individual certified in all three specialties would use the credential CWOCN. If a certification is held in wound and ostomy, but not continence, the correct acronym would be CWON. Using the acronyms in any other manner would be, at the very least, a trademark violation.

Around the world, titles may vary. In the UK and a number of other countries where the focus of the work is still centred around ostomy care, nurses are known as stoma nurses. The international organisation, the World Council of Enterostomal Therapists®, has also trademarked their organisation's acronym WCET®.

Trademarking lends a level of protection to all entitled to utilise the trademark. In other words, both individuals and organisations have exclusive rights to the trademark. Those not entitled to its use and choose to use the trademark are subject to litigation.

Although titles may be different, the commitment is universal around the world. The commitment is to provide quality, specialised care to individuals with ostomy, wound and/or continence care needs. Titles, then, are important. By identifying yourself properly, you will clearly establish your specialisation and commitment to providing the highest quality of care.

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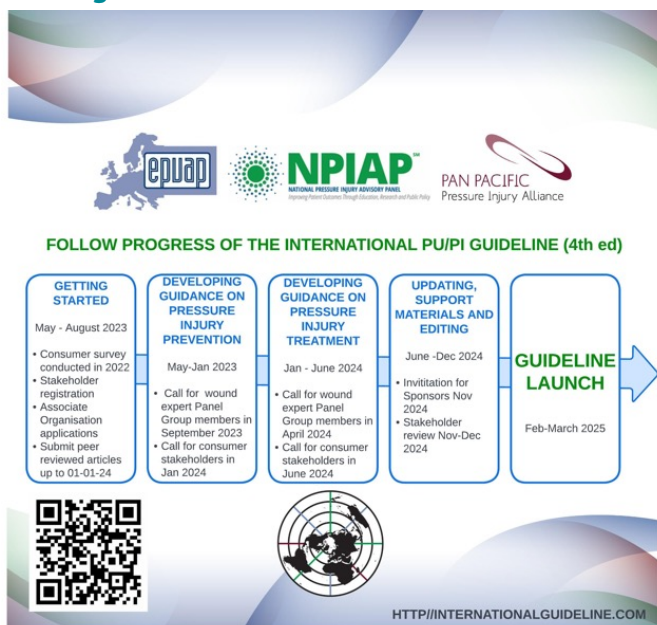


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Up and coming education events



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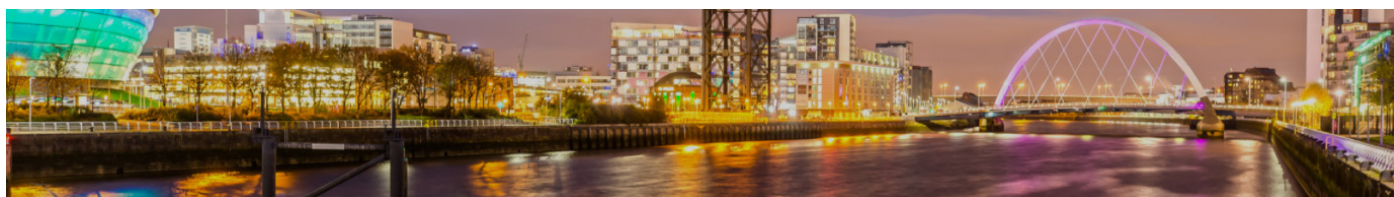
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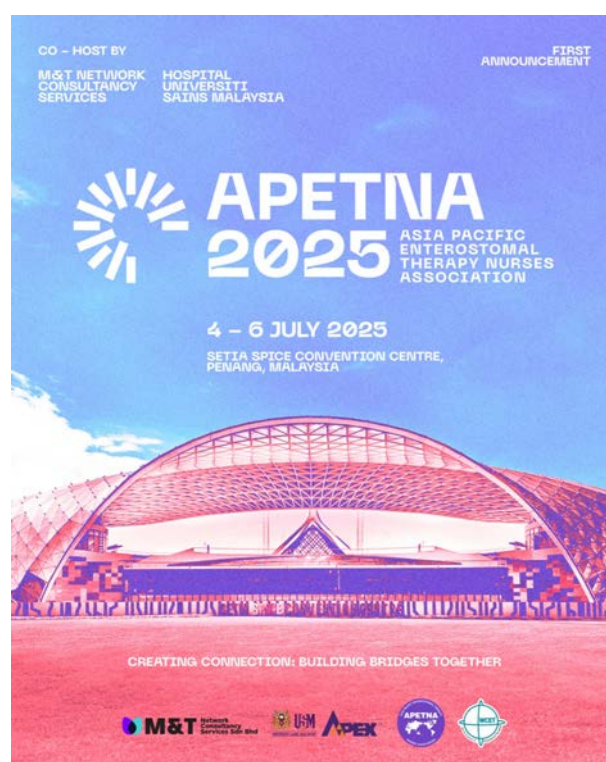
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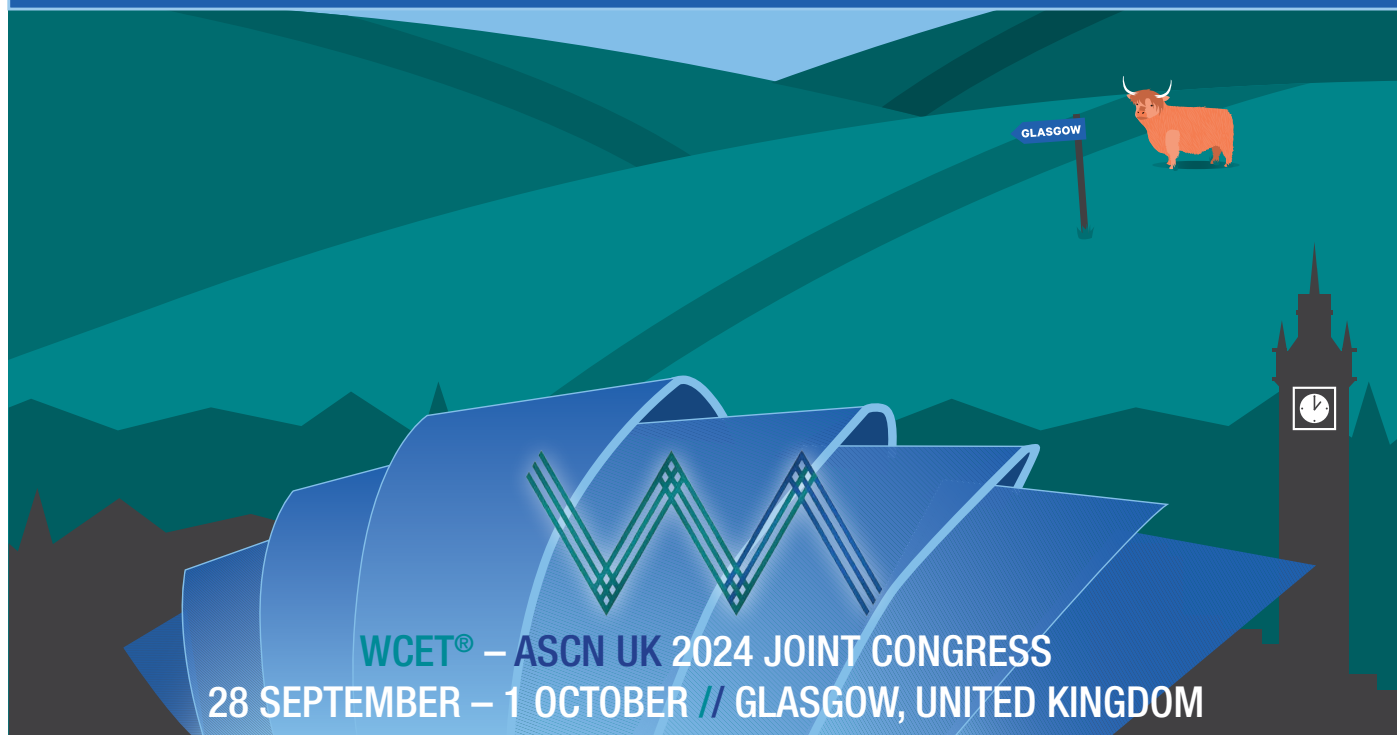
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