With more than two decades of providing the interdisciplinary wound care community with an opportunity gather, network, learn, and socialize, the Symposium on Advanced Wound Care (SAWC) has become the largest wound care conference in the US. This regular column offered by Today’s Wound Clinic will feature conference previews, reviews, and assorted news items.

SAWC Fall Coming to Baltimore, MD

The Symposium on Advanced Wound Care (SAWC) Fall 2012 conference will be held Sept. 12-14 at the Baltimore (MD) Convention Center. Up to 40 new clinical sessions as well as a major exhibition of products and services for wound care professionals will be available.

Highlighting Wound Care Sessions At SAWC Fall 2012

Among the 40 new clinical sessions that will be available to wound care professionals at the Symposium on Advanced Wound Care (SAWC) Fall 2012 conference in Baltimore, MD, are:

- **Translating Science to Practice: Skin Care — Can You Prevent Pressure Ulcers?**
  - **When:** Sept. 12.
  - **Moderator/speaker:** Joyce M. Black, PhD, RN, CPSN, SWCN, FAAN
  - **Speaker:** Aamir Siddiqui, MD
  - **Synopsis:** Investigate the spectrum of opinion regarding pressure ulcers and whether they are truly preventable.

- **Advanced Treatment of Difficult Wounds: Why Did My PAD Patient Die? — Risk Factor and Outcomes Modification**
  - **When:** Sept. 12.
  - **Moderator/speaker:** Diane Treat-Jacobson, PhD, RN, FAHA, FAAN
  - **Speaker:** Dan Federman, MD
  - **Synopsis:** Enhance your understanding of the importance of earlier diagnosis and risk factor modification in patients with pre-existing or established cardiovascular disease in improving patient outcomes.

- **Wound Care Clinic: Post-Amputation Rehabilitation**
  - **When:** Sept. 13.
  - **Moderator/speaker:** Robert Gailey, PhD, PT
  - **Speaker:** John R. Ferguson, CPO
  - **Synopsis:** Learn how to build an individualized, comprehensive rehabilitation plan for the amputee.

- **Wound Care Clinic: The Science of Compression Therapy for the Swollen Limb and Venous Ulcer**
  - **When:** Sept. 14.
  - **Moderator/speaker:** Terry Treadwell, MD, FACS

SAWC Offers National Cert Prep

Physicians, nurses, physical and occupational therapists, physician assistants, advanced practice nurses, and other wound care providers interested in a comprehensive review of current wound care practices are being offered the opportunity to participate in the Wound Certification Prep Course,™ a 17-hour, intensive seminar taught by nationally recognized experts and educators in wound care. A co-located event being held in conjunction with SAWC, the course will take place Sept. 10-11 in the Baltimore Convention Center and provide a comprehensive review of topics related to wound management. The course also includes practice tests and test-taking strategies. For more information, visit [www.wcpcfall.com](http://www.wcpcfall.com).

Wound Care Education Tracks Offered at SAWC Fall

Healthcare providers who attend the Symposium on Advanced Wound Care (SAWC) Fall 2012 conference in Baltimore, MD, Sept. 12-14, will have the opportunity to choose among three clinical tracks that offer a variety of sessions in order to tailor one’s experience. The three tracks are:

1. **“Translating Science to Practice,”** which discusses proven and emerging scientific rationale behind many of the core wound principles and treatments such as impaired wound healing, stem cells, and emerging therapies; 2. **“Advanced Treatment of Difficult Wounds,”** which features a clinically focused collection of sessions that recognize the mechanisms behind the development of unusual wounds, including proper assessment methods and a review of ongoing or recently completed clinical trials involving wound therapies and 3. **“Wound Care Clinic,”** which provides a practical overview of critical issues clinicians frequently encounter in the wound care center, such as non-healing wounds and the appropriate use of compression, engineered skin, and negative pressure wound therapy.
Online Exclusive: Meet the SAWC Scholarship Winners

*Today's Wound Clinic* recently spent time with the inaugural class of SAWC scholarship winners. Read their thoughts on the wound care industry and get a glimpse of their career sketches, available exclusively only at [www.todayswoundclinic.com](http://www.todayswoundclinic.com).

**Synopsis:** The key to successful venous ulcer management lies in the use of compression therapy; however, various factors can impede a clinician’s ability to achieve effective compression.

For the full SAWC Fall 2012 agenda, visit [http://fall.sawc.net/agenda](http://fall.sawc.net/agenda).

**NACCME, SAWC Introduce Scholarship Program**

The North American Center for Continuing Medical Education LLC (NACCME), the continuing education sponsor of the Symposium on Advanced Wound Care (SAWC) spring and fall conferences, has announced in conjunction with SAWC and HMP Communications (publisher of *Today’s Wound Clinic*) the inaugural class of five scholarship winners who have been selected in cooperation with several prominent wound care societies and associations for their contributions to the industry. Winners were chosen based on nominations from several major wound care societies and associations, as well as key opinion leaders, and were honored during the annual SAWC VIP Party held April 19 in the Georgia World Congress Center, the hosting site of SAWC Spring 2012. Each scholarship winner earned complimentary registration to SAWC Spring 2012 along with a framed certificate. The inaugural list of winners included Susan Girolami, BSN, RN, CWOCN; Jeffrey S. Danetz, MD, FACS; Kenneth Finnson, PhD; Malgorzata “Gosia” Plummer, MD; and Jaimee Haan, PT, CWS.

SAWC will honor fall scholarship winners at the next SAWC convention in Baltimore, MD, Sept. 12-14.

Below is a preview of the inaugural scholarship winners. For full bios on the first winning class, please visit [www.todayswoundclinic.com](http://www.todayswoundclinic.com).

**Clinician:** Susan Girolami, BSN, RN, CWOCN  
**Presenter:** Terry Treadwell, MD, FACS, president, Association for the Advancement of Wound Care  
**Scholarship Award:** Wound Care Nursing Scholarship

**Clinician:** Jeffrey S. Danetz, MD, FACS, medical director of wound care at Edward White Hospital, St. Petersburg, FL; Largo (FL) Medical Center; and St. Petersburg (FL) General Hospital  
**Presenter:** Robert Kirsner, MD, PhD, co-chairperson, SAWC  
**Scholarship Award:** Wound Care Training Scholarship

**Clinician:** Kenneth Finnson, PhD, research associate, Montreal General Hospital, McGill University Health Center, Department of Surgery  
**Presenter:** Harriet Hopf, MD, president, Wound Healing Society  
**Scholarship Award:** Wound Healing Research Scholarship

**Clinician:** Malgorzata “Gosia” Plummer, MD, assistant professor of clinical surgery, wound healing and tissue repair, University of Illinois at Chicago  
**Presenter:** William Ennis, DO, MBA, FACOS, president, American College of Wound Healing and Tissue Repair  
**Scholarship Award:** Wound Healing Fellow Scholarship

**Clinician:** Jaimee Haan, PT, CWS, team leader, physical therapy wound management, rehabilitation services, Indiana University Health  
**Presenter:** Rose Hamm, DPT, CWS, president, American Physical Therapy Association Wound Management Special Interest Group  
**Scholarship Award:** Wound Care Therapist Scholarship